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Food service up for bid as Hallmark's contract expires

By Jacob Stetser '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

As of July 1, 1995, the hand that feeds the mouths of Hamilton community may be entirely new. Instead of renewing its contract with Hallmark, the school's current food service provider, Hamilton has opened the position for bids.

The recent Residential Life Study revealed "marked student dissatisfaction with the Board Plan," explained the Director of Contract Services, Betsy Espe. Because Hamilton was in a good position to change and meet students' needs more effectively, rather than renewing Hallmark for a tenth year, Hamilton is shopping for better service.

"The Residential Life Study pushed forward the need to look at dining," said Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed. "There are some serious changes that need to take place."

Espe commented that the Residential Life Study showed that students felt the Board Plan did not specifically meet their needs— the three meal plans, the meals served, and the flexibility of the plan were all questioned in the survey. Barbara Milotte, Dining Service Director of Hallmark, said that Hallmark has done much to meet the students' needs and desires. When the Hamilton Animal Defense League [HADL]asked Hallmark to stop serving veal parmesan, Hallmark agreed to do so only if HADL could collect enough signatures on a petition. A short while later, HADL returned with seven to eight hundred signatures, and Hallmark removed veal from the meal plan.

Milotte also said that Hallmark offers many services which are not specified in the contract, such as food bars in the evening and special

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PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

With Hallmark's contract set to expire at the end of this semester, Hamilton students eating in Commons and other dining halls may be served by another food service company as of next fall.

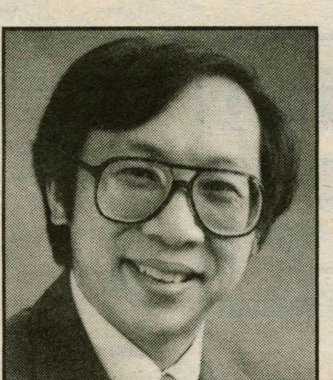
Search committee appoints Bobby Fong Dean of Faculty

By Meghan Hallock '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Bobby Fong, a professor of English and former Dean for the Arts and Humanities at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, has been appointed to the position of Dean of Faculty at Hamilton. He will assume his new position on July 1 of this year.

A national search was conducted to fill the vacancy of the dean of faculty when the former Dean of Faculty, Eugene Tobin, was named Acting President of Hamilton College nearly two years ago. Professor of Music G. Roberts Kolb has served as Dean of Faculty in the interim.

President Tobin in a memorandum to the Hamilton community noted that Fong, "... is an individual of great integrity, scholarly vision and personal compassion. His creative energy and dedication to the liberal arts will reinforce Hamilton's reputation as an institution of academic rigor and intellectual excellence. He shares my passionate belief that active scholarship sustains and enhances quality teaching, and that a great deal of learning, mentoring and advising on a residential campus occurs outside the classroom."



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Bobby Fong

The Dean of Faculty is the chief academic officer at the college. Fong has visited the campus and recognizes some of the issues that this community faces. He said he hopes to work with the faculty in their efforts to make, "the academic environment not just about intellectual growth, but individual growth as well."

Fong, a specialist in 19th and 20th century English and American literature, will have an appointment in the Department of English here at Hamilton. He said of his role on campus, " I am a professor first and foremost. Administrators serve the teaching and learning process as well."

He said he will use his dual role to foster better communication on the campus. He feels that, "The most important thing I need to do now is listen to the faculty and get a feel for where the campus is heading." By doing this, he hopes to help create an atmosphere where all groups on campus have the ability to be heard and be participants in "compassionate listening." He feels that it is very important that, "Beyond guareenting people access to the public square we need to learn tolerance and understand why people hold views that differ from ours and look sympathetically at the person

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Residential Life Office advises against signing off campus leases in anticipation of study results

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An advisory issued last month by the Office of Residential Life requesting that students temporarily refrain from signing leases to live in off campus housing next year, has fueled anxiety and speculation regarding the soon to be announced results of the Residential Life Study.

"Given we are in this Residential Life Study, it's not smart for people to make those commitments," said Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed. "They should be really careful in signing a lease."

She noted that College policy has always been to discourage students from living off campus. Last spring however, more than 300 students requested permission to live off campus, resulting in the initial denial of permission to nearly half of them. Ultimately, 250 students were allowed to live in off campus housing, which includes fraternity houses.

Given the uncertainty of the Residential Life Study's outcome, Reed said it is impossible to predict what impact it might have on the housing situation beginning next year. If fraternities, which now provide space for up to 180 students, were to be closed as a result of the study, that could alter the availability of housing in College-owned residence halls next year.

Another possibility, Reed said, is that the study outcome could mandate that all Hamilton students live on campus. She emphasized that the results of the study remain very uncertain and that it is impossible to act upon them until they are released three weeks from now.

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Broken Psi Upsilon boiler forces brothers to evacuate

By Matthew Nolan '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Cracks in six sections of the boiler unit in the Psi Upsilon fraternity house brought the heating system to a halt and forced inhabitants out into the cold last Sunday, February 5. The heavy snows and bitter cold of the last week forced brothers living at the fraternity to seek alternative housing on campus and off as a result of the loss of heat.

To compensate for their lost living quarters, the Office of Residential life met with those left homeless last Monday night. Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed spoke with the Psi U brothers who were affected

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News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Louisiana students to design fuel-efficient car

Students at Northwestern State University in Louisiana are working in conjunction with the U.S. Council for Automotive Research to design the next generation of automobiles that can seat six people and does 80 miles per gallon. The U.S. Council for Automotive Research was set up to coordinate the efforts of the U.S. government with the big three American automakers General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

"The contributions our students have made and will make in the future are very significant," said Dr. Austin Temple, director of the school's division of mathematics and sciences. "The students know they are working on projects that will yield results in the foreseeable future."

Over the past year, Northwestern State students have been working with NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland to develop data for a lunar rover. *(NSNS)*

Divestment campaign plays part in stopping hydro plant

The Great Whale hydroelectric project of the Hydro-Quebec company has been halted by the government of Quebec after years of controversy about the plan's environmental impacts. The $ 9.5 billion project would have flooded a large land area and potentially affected the livelihood of approximately 10,000 Cree Native Americans who live in the area.

One of the campaigns during years of international activism to stop the project was carried out by students at Tufts University. Pressure applied by the undergraduate Environmental Consciousness Outreach organization bore its fruit when Tufts University trustees voted to divest $ 2 million worth of bonds invested in the Quebec project.

"As students, we do have an impact on decisions made in the real world," said Dean Royer, a junior history major. "Organizing for social change on campus is a vital part of the continuing effort to create social justice. As the Tufts divestment campaign has shown, this effort can be successful." *(NSNS)*

Kaplan sued for exposing questions on computerized GRE

Educational Testing Services filed a suit against Kaplan Educational Centers in early January, claiming Kaplan staffers had violated copyright infringement laws by taking the test to recreate it. After taking a computerized exam, Kaplan staff members, despite signing an agreement with ETS not to discuss information about the exam, shared information with each other, and created a version of the GRE that they claimed was more than 80 percent accurate.

Consequently, the computerized GRE was suspended temporarily between December and early January, in order to implement additional security measures.

As ETS officials plan to offer the computerized GRE only in the first week of each month, the key advantage of the test, which allowed time-pressed seniors to take the test anytime they wanted to, will be lost.

Questions on the computerized version of the GRE come from a large national database that goes unchanged for six months, allowing students to easily learn the questions that would be on their own exam. In order to preclude this, ETS plans to expand and regionalize its database of questions and change it more frequently. *(The Williams Record)*

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News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Nahid Rahman '96

Poland nominates new premier

Poland's governing parties nominated a former Communist ideology chief last Tuesday to replace a Prime Minister opposed by President Lech Walesa. On Monday, Walesa called for the resignation of prime minister Waldemar Pawlak and a reshuffle of the the ex-communist Left Democratic Alliance (SLD) and Pawlak's own Peasant party (PSL). Walesa accused Pawlak of incompetence and said his government was making little progress on economic reform. The nomination of the new premier, Jozef Olesky, currently the Speaker of Parliament, must be approved by the President and by a parliamentary vote.

China invites U.S. to resume trade talks

In an about-face, China, last Tuesday, invited the U.S. negotiators to return to Beijing to resume talks on the piracy of America-made music, movies and software. Last Saturday, the Clinton Administration announced the imposition of 100 percent tariffs on a range of Chinese goods worth $1 billion as punishment in response to China's failure to crack down on piracy. In southern and central China, 29 plants produce 70 million illegal compact disks and video cassettes annually. Responding to U.S. trade sanctions, China initially announced 100 percent tariffs on American-made goods, ranging from video games to cigarettes and alcohol. Washington welcomed the recent Chinese move, and said it might indicate that China's leadership was reconsidering the wisdom of a confrontation over violations of American copyrights.

Twelve Kashmir activists killed in Pakistan

Twelve people belonging to a group of Kashmiri activists were killed and 12 more injured last weekend in Karachi, Pakistan, when unidentified gunmen sprayed bullets from a car. The incidence occured when members of Harkat-ul-Ansaar, a Kashmiri group, were attending a meeting concerning a national strike and a day of protests called by the Pakistani government to condemn the "atrocities" in Indian-administered Kashmir. Little is known about the Harkat-ul-Ansaar group in Pakistan but its Indian arm was in limelight last summer when it kidnapped two Britons in Kashmir.

Sweeping changes in French higher education proposed

The French government has recently published a controversial report which calls for comprehensive changes in the funding, management and content of higher education across the country. The recommendations, drawn up by a selection of senior university administrators, call for greater decentralization of funding and control, the introduction of selection and increased vocational training. The administrators argue that the education system needs considerable reform to meet current demands. The report has sparked highly critical remarks from both student and teaching unions.

Quake kills 20 in Colombia

An earthquake shook several parts of central and southern Colombia on Wednesday killing at least 20 people and injuring 150 others. A spokeswoman for the National Geological Institute in Bogota said the main tremor measured 6.4 on Richter scale and its epicenter was about 50 miles north of Cali, a city of about two million people. The worst-hit city was Pereira, where nine people were killed and 120 injured. The quake reportedly destroyed several roads and bridges west of Cali.

Sources: *Financial Times, New York Times.*

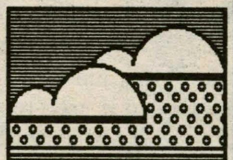
Weekend Weather

Saturday: Chance of snow.

Low zero to 10 above. High in 20's.

Sunday: Chance of flurries.

Low 0 to 10. High in the teens.



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National News Briefs

--compiled by Scott Kocher '97

Minimum wage increase faces tough battle ahead

President Clinton's recent proposal to increase the minimum wage has received both harsh criticism and strong support from members of Congress. Clinton's plan to raise the $4.25 hourly minimum wage to $5.15 would be phased in over two years. Most Republicans believe that such an increase would boost unemployment and hurt low-skilled workers. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) said last week that he would hold hearings on the proposal, but that it could "kill jobs." Clinton said in his weekly radio address that "if we're really serious about welfare reform, increasing the minimum wage will plainly help."

House passes line-item veto

In accordance with their "Contract With America," House Republicans approved the line-item veto bill by a vote of 294 to 134 on Monday. The bill would give the President the authority to strike specific parts of spending bills and some tax measures passed by Congress without vetoing the entire legislation. Like the balanced budget amendment approved last month, the line-item veto would shift dominant control of spending from Congress to the President.

Baseball negotiations fail

President Clinton's proposals for ending the baseball strike have so far come up empty handed. Baseball commissioner Bill Usery Jr., Clinton's choice in October as mediator in the labor dispute, failed to meet the settlement deadline Tuesday night. However, Clinton has asked Usery to continue to seek a settlement, despite fierce opposition from Congress and gloomy prospects for any agreement between baseball players and owners. Clinton is now relying on the recent binding-arbitration legislation which he sent to Congress Wednesday.

Space shuttle Discovery succeeds in mission despite flaws

The space shuttle Discovery made a successful approach to the Russian space station Mir on Tuesday. As a part of the fledgling partnership between the Russian space agency and NASA, Discovery was scheduled to close to within 38 feet of Mir on Monday. Doubts of its success emerged as three faulty thrusters were discovered to be leaking propellant. Although Russian officials proposed that the approach be limited to 1000 feet, NASA officials insisted that the precarious attempt be made, and were confident of its success.

Sources: *The New York Times, The Washington Post, AP News Wire*

Giving senior gifts generates competition among different classes

By Greg Gardner '96
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The concept of a senior gift was begun in 1982, when the graduating class set up a memorial prize in art for J. Barney Moore, a fellow classmate who died the summer before his senior year. Since then, numerous prizes, scholarships, and other gifts have been donated by each subsequent class to benefit the Hamilton community.

Each year the Senior class appoints a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman to oversee the senior gift committee. This committee then discusses and reviews various ideas for a senior gift until a list is compiled of four or five ideas. The entire senior class then decides from the compiled list, as the gift is representative of the character of each class. Over the past five years, gifts given have included an Educational Aid Fund ('90), a windmill/electricity generator ('91), an endowment to help Trust Treat (an event set up in honor of Eric Trust '92 when he died in 1989) ('89), money to make the Carnegie dormitory handicap accessible ('93), and a Scholarship set up by the class of '94. The gift was designed to increase class unity and benefit the Hamilton community, and indeed, even cause a bit of competition amongst the classes to see who can raise more money.

The competition is such that Hamilton enjoys a higher percentage of seniors who give than any other college in the nation. "We are not aware of anyone else who does nearly as well in terms of participation," says Director of College Relations Mike Debraggio. The class of '94 has the highest percentage in recent history with 94.3 percent of the senior class giving money towards the gift, but the class of '95 has set their goal of 95 percent for their gift of a donation to the career center network.

The classes not only regard the class gift as a competition. It is also a way for each class to give back to the Hamilton community some of the experiences they have had during their time on the hill. These aspirations of helping and caring reflect the overall attitude of the community in which they have passed their college years.

Several questions have been raised concerning the upkeep of certain gifts such as the windmill. While many gifts are endowments and prizes where interest gained is used for the gift, other Senior gifts require continual maintenance such as the windmill. Hit by lightning about a year ago, the windmill has been inoperable ever since. As a one time gift with no fund for maintenance, the upkeep of the windmill has been absorbed by the college.

However, to aid in their efforts towards fixing the windmill, Steedman Bass '91 has been in negotiations with the contractors regarding the warranty. He has arranged a deal by which the contractors will replace the damaged inverter that was hit by lightning, and the college will reimburse the contractor in the future with money saved by the electricity generated.

The question still posed is 'what if the windmill is again hit by lightning?' As it stands, the windmill will not be fixed until next spring, when the inverter will once again change direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC) thus enabling the college to save money on the electric bill once again.

Gifts like the windmill demonstrate the creative aspect of Hamilton students but the realistic problems are those which present and future gift committees will look into, so as to avoid any future problems.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

There used to be a bronze map of the Hamilton campus at this location -- until it was covered by winter's snow and ice. The map was given last year as a gift to the College.

Psi Upsilon to remain vacant for a week

Fraternity brothers move in with friends for the duration

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

The Psi Upsilon house stands vacant as a broken boiler and the consequent lack of heat forced the residents to temporarily relocate to other housing.

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by the break down in an attempt to accommodate them in the interim. Those affected were offered what available housing there was on campus, and the Office of Residential Life made sure that accommodations were made for all. The displaced brothers promptly took up residence in the vacant dorm rooms, with friends, or in off campus housing. "We're scattered all over campus," said one brother. Most are living in Carnegie, Bundy, and South, while a few of the displaced brothers have taken up residence at the Best Western Hotel. The majority are "bunking with friends," in various locations around campus.

In the mean time the house will remain vacant as the fraternity awaits installation of a new boiler, which they hope will happen soon. Due to the fact that the house is a private society the replacement boiler is a cost which rests with the fraternity. Brothers stated that the cost would "hopefully be paid" by their insurance, as the cost is expected to be rather hefty. The original estimates on the time that the brothers would be out of the house have ranged from about two to three weeks. Fortunately the fraternity was able to procure a new boiler speedily, and "the boiler is being installed right now," according to one brother. So current estimates on their return have been scaled down to about one week.

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compiled by Meghan Hallock '98

Results of special Student Assembly elections

Student Assembly elections were held on Friday, February 3. The special elections were held to fill vacated seats. The position of Vice President of Student Assembly was vacated by Martin Reichgott last semester, and has now been filled by Jared Bowling.

In other elections, the new Class of 1997 President is Monica Redstone. Kurt Shotzberger was elected to the Tresurer/Secretary position for the Class of 97' and Andrew Camacho was made a representative for the Class of 97'.

In the Class of 96', Fred Bush filled the Tresurer position and Eric Ritvo was elected to a representative position. Both ran unopposed.

Time magazine honoree to speak in the Chapel

James Wallis, a *Time* magazine honoree, is to speak at Hamilton on ednesday, Feb 15th at 7 PM in the Chapel. he will be discussing "The Soul of Politics." He is also giving a lecture in Dwight Lounge on " How do we Serve our Community" at 4:15PM the same day.

Wallis has been published in *Time, Newsweek and The New York Times* to name a few. He is the founder of the Soujourners, an ecumenical Christian community based in Washington DC.

His evening lecture will center around his book, *The Soul of Politics: A Practical and Prophetic Vision for Change.* It is open to the public at no charge.

Fong excited about Hamilton

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behind those views."

Fong served for eleven years as a professor at Berea College in Berea, Ky., before moving to Hope College. where he was instrumental in the reconsideration of faculty-student workloads that eventual led to the restructuring of departmental and general education programs. He has served on the Association of American Colleges and Universities and with the Society for Values in Higher Education.

Fong and his wife, Suzanne, have two sons; Jonathan, 10, and Colin, 5. "I have always been in small towns, and with my children, we are looking for a neighborhood setting." He is also looking forward to the baseball season here at Hamilton, as he is an avid fan of the game.

Fong added,, "Small colleges offer students opportunities other than those that are career related." It is these opportunities that he feels make Hamilton one of the premier institutions in the nation.

President Tobin delivers "State of the College" address in Tuesday faculty meeting, emphasizes selling philosophy and image of higher education

By Joe Saponaro '96
News Staff Writer

In the "State of the College" address delivered to the Hamilton community on Tuesday, President Eugene Tobin confronted some decidedly grim statistics.

Upon acknowledgment of newly appointed Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong, Tobin turned his attention to the status of Hamilton and other liberal arts colleges in a national economy that is withdrawing significant financial support from private educational institutions. He identified this external environment as "hostile to higher education", citing Governor Pataki's proposed $36 million reduction in aid to New York state colleges and the potential loss of $240,000 in Hamilton's operating budget.

In addition, Tobin argued, the state of the economy has caused prospective students and their parents to view academia more as a means to securing a high-paying, stable job and less as education for the sake of learning. This has resulted in an unfortunate consumerist attitude towards higher education which colleges have been forced to accommodate.

Tobin also acknowledged the atmosphere of competition among not only the top thirty liberal arts colleges but also between smaller, more intimate colleges and the large universities which claim to offer both intimacy *and* a wide range of facilities.

Thus, Tobin explained, the liberal arts schools that attempt to retain their established identities now find themselves at a disadvantage regarding competition for fiscal aid, strong public image, and capable students. But in such situations, he reassured, "most colleges have proven to be resilient and resourceful." One way in which Hamilton should respond, he suggested, is to strengthen the internal connectivity of the community, by tightening the planning process of faculty and administration, specifically concerning budgetary matters. With this internal strength, Hamilton may effectively change its behavior through what Tobin simply defined as marketing. In order to not appear as a mere producer in the consumer wars afflicting academia, Hamilton must syncretize the realist politics of image and salability with the philosophy of higher education. "Marketing is more than promotion," Tobin asserted. "It is finding a need, filling it, and letting people know you have it. We must act both with the College's needs in mind and the needs of our target audience." The key to successful marketing, he claims, is *conversation* in the most general sense: "the abilities to think, write, and speak critically, analytically, persuasively, and coherently," are the fundamental skills a liberal arts education should provide.

The speech concluded with a discussion of the upcoming Board of Trustees decision on Hamilton's residential life and specifically on the question of the abolition of private societies. "The most desirable and successful long-term result," in Tobin's opinion, "will be a Board of Trustees decision that recognizes the principle of equality and addresses our students' desire for choice, options, and alternatives." This ambiguity will surely be resolved on March 4, when the Board will announce the results of this long and controversial study.

Paul Pedersen speaks at multicultural workshop, draws favorable reaction but small audience

By Matt Brand '98
News Staff Writer

A Cultural Workshop featuring Paul Pedersen, specialist in multicultural communication at Syracuse University, took place last Friday. The event was attended by a relatively small number of students and faculty, whose reactions to the workshop were varied.

The day long workshop began with a lecture from Pedersen concerning the importance of inter- and cross- cultural communication. Focusing on individual culture, Pedersen stressed the fact that ones backround has a tremendous effect on his perception of others- a problem which he believes is a root of racism.

Students groups then discussed actual Hamilton scenarios. One particular sketch described a student who had complained to the Dean of Students that his African-American teacher, regarded as one of the best professors on campus, was underqualified and hindering him from full knowledge on the subject. Following the review, the groups brought up three different questions and talked at length about the issues each question raised, bringing to surface problems which haunt society as well as the Hamilton campus.

Reactions to the workshop were generally favorable, but speculation about future events involving cultural education brought up some critisim. Christin Mullen, '95 claims that the meeting seeemed to question more of the basic, cut and dry issues instead of dealing with the problematic attitude which stems from these matters. "We were questioning more the system at Hamilton instead of the broad content of the situations" she says. Mullen believes that such issues extend much further from the Hill and should have been more the point of focus. "The questions that were brought up were usally pretty basic," she says, "and didn't necessarly deal with the important matters at hand."

Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, although disappointed in the small number of students who participated in the workshop, claims that those involved were enthusiastic and brought to light some very important questions. "Will it solve all our problems? No. But something like this surfaces issues which need to be worked with amongst each other."

Food service contract to be rebid, e-mail address created for community input on dining issues

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entree nights. Milotte is hoping to hire a full-time nutritionist who will be available to talk with interested students. Hallmark has also extended equivalency hours, accepts recipes from students, and usually responds to comments in their suggestion boxes by the following meal.

"If there is something you want, come see us," implored Milotte, citing the names of the three new managers: Peter Stucker in Commons, Dominic Callicco in McEwen, and David Praznick in Bundy. "But," she adds, "remember we are not a restaurant." Institutional food will remain institutional food with any service provider, because the food service must meet the needs of a very large number of people, with a diverse array of dietary needs. That is why spices and salt, which impart a 'restaurant' flavor to food, must be left out.

The Bid Committee will be spending the next five weeks working on a request for proposal, a long and complex document outlining the type of service Hamilton is seeking. Espe said that an e-mail box was being set up for comments and input on student's wishes and/or needs, and that the address would be announced sometime next week. The three student members of the Bid Committee are Jean Hunter '98, Laurel Bookman '98, and Nick Jacobs '96. Anyone who wishes to know more about the bid process or would like to express what they would like to see in a new service may contact any of these three students or leave an e-mail message at the soon to be announced address.

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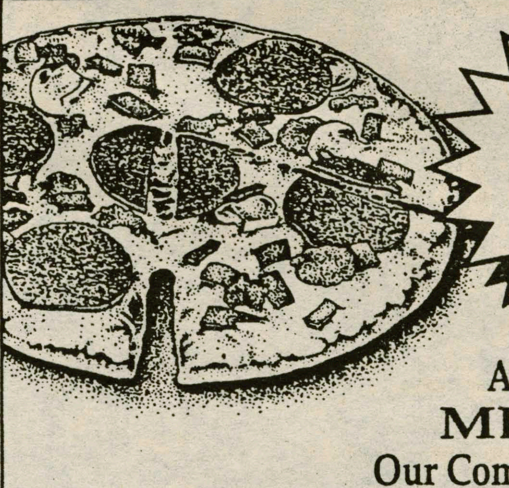

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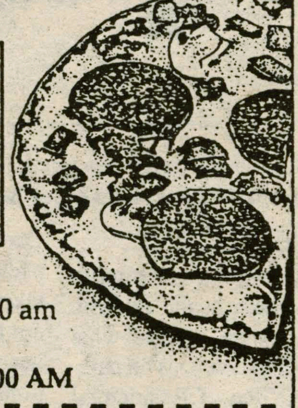

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Rumors abound as Residential Life Study nears conclusion

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Campus Residential Life Committee to implement survey results

Once results of the Residential Life Study are announced, the Campus Residential Life Committee will face the task of implementing them in conjunction with coordinating the spring housing lottery.

"The student committee is in no way political," said Reed. This committee, not to be confused with the Trustee Residential Life Committee, has not had a role in formulating the final recommendations derived from the Residential Life Study.

The student committee is co-chaired by Tracy Hildebrand '96 and Bill Murphy '96. Hildebrand said of the pending recommendations, "My worst fear is that students won't have an open mind about them."

Addressing the off campus housing issue, she added, " I wouldn't recommend signing a lease."

She said that if fraternities are closed, students will not necessarily be forced to seek off campus housing as other housing options on campus may become available.

"I have a lot of faith that the trustees' decision will be beneficial for the community," Hildebrand said.

Reed said she plans to meet with the campus Residential Life Committee immediately after the results of the Residential Life Study are announced. Within the first week after students return from Spring Break, informational meetings will be held to address the impact of the study results on the campus housing situation. Reed said she does not anticipate that the spring housing lottery will be changed significantly as a result of the study.

Rumors abound

Various rumors regarding the implications of the Residential Life Study have been circulating on campus in recent weeks. Among these is one that Residential Advisors have received riot training to prepare them to deal with possible conflicts following the release of the study results.

Reed stated that this rumor is untrue. "I find it amusing," she said, adding that the rumor may have spread because of speculation regarding Residential Advisors' return to campus several days prior to the beginning of this semester. She said that they return early every semester for training, but not for instruction in riot control.

Another rumor that has spread recently is that the Residential Life Study will recommend the conversion of some of the campus's athletic fields into locations for new residence halls.

"People are making absurd guesses as about what's going to happen," said Murphy, who recently replaced Matt Outten '96 as co-chair of the campus Residential Life Committee. "We're keeping abreast of rumors."

Campus tensions "high"

"I think tensions are really high," said Murphy of the mood on campus as students await the announcement of the Residential Life Study results. "I see heightened conflict as a definite possibility, but it depends on the severity of the decision. Anxiety is a big issue. People want to see this decision made— they're tired of waiting."

"I think the possibility exists," commented Reed, on the issue of increased tensions. "The decision that is eventually made may initially alienate certain groups."

She added, "There is real commitment to not take things away without giving things back. I hope there will be some really exciting changes on the horizon."

Murphy said that he will work in conjunction with the campus Residential Life Committee to implement whatever decisions are handed down by the Board of Trustees next month. Explaining his dual status as co-chair of the committee and as a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he said, "People think I have a conflict of interest, but the two things don't have to be mutually exclusive."

"I think this thing is so up in the air," he commented on the study. "Every [campus] organization has a different viewpoint."

Murphy said that the committee is working to complete the planning process for the spring housing lottery, prior to the release of the Residential Life Study results. "We want to have a good idea of what we're going to do [in advance]," he said, adding that changes will later be made as needed to compensate for the effects of the study.

Implementation of foreign language requirement expected in near future

By Joe November '97
News Staff Writer

There has been increasing talk of putting forth a foreign language requirement as part of Hamilton's academic program, during the past several years. So far this year, a committee consisting of members of the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP), several members of the language department, and Dean of Faculty G. Roberts Kolb, has been formed to discuss amending a foreign language requirement to the school's academic program. The last month has been relatively quiet for the new committee due to the start of the new semester, but progress is being made, and several meetings concerning a foreign language requirement will be held over the rest of the semester.

The addition of a foreign language requirement to Hamilton's curriculum would be a large step for the school. Not since before the turn of the century, when the school required proficiency in Latin and Ancient Greek, have foreign languages been required at Hamilton. The school has, however, stressed that languages are important and encouraged students to study foreign languages. According to Professor Jon Vaughan, who serves on the CAP, "If everything goes on schedule, the requirement should be in place for either the class of 1999 or the class of 2000."

One overall goal of the requirement is to increase the knowledge of the approximately 30 percent of Hamilton students who do not pursue a foreign language here. In terms of pursuing academic excellence, Vaughan describes the addition of a foreign language to one's education as, "liberating the arts, that is, something which gives the student a broader liberal arts learning experience." Further support for foreign language skills is that our world is rapidly becoming an international world in which employers are increasingly looking for multlingual people. Professor Jeremy Medina, head of the Foreign Language Department, provides yet another reason to include a foreign language in one's curriculum, "Taking a foreign language provides a gateway to many things including studying abroad which is one of the most rewarding things a student can do in college."

Details concerning how much of foreign language would be required or how the language requirement would fit in with the school's other academic policies, have not been finalized but the committee does have a rough idea of what the future holds. Inclusion of a foreign language requirement would involve a slight change in the school's academic goals. For instance, the addition of a foreign language course to a student's schedule would make it easier to obtain some of Hamilton's current academic goals. One possible academic model which Hamilton might implement in the future, according to Vaughan, is that of Middlebury College, which requiring students to complete 7 of 8 academic goals, one of which is the proficiency of a foreign language.

In the past, there have been several other attempts at making proficiency at a foreign language necessary to graduate, all to no avail. Medina recalled at least three such attempts since he began teaching at Hamilton in 1968 and cited a faculty shortage as the reason for not going through with making proficiency at a foreign language a requirement at Hamilton College in those three attempts. Now, due to better technology and the Andrew Mellon Grant the school received, it might be possible for the school the give all students acceptable skills in a foreign language.

Medina commented, "If we do rely on teaching fellows and new technology to educate the students, we will not be able to maintain the same high quality of instruction which we have now. That high quality of the student's foreign language education is what is ultimately important."

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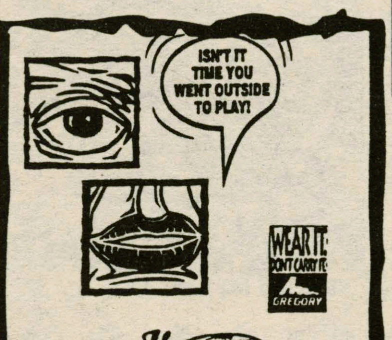

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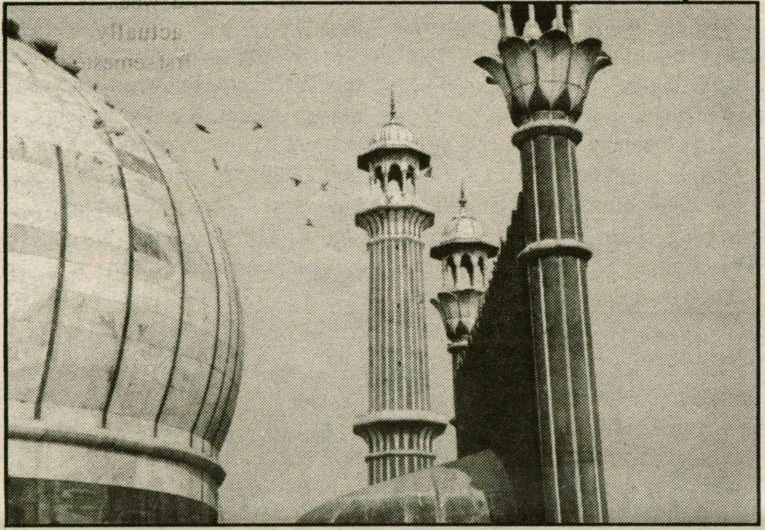
India revisited in the mind

By Nick Schutz '95
Special to Features

This article is the second of a two part series.

India dazzles, shocks, and inspires. The subcontinent houses many of the world's largest and most fascinating cities: Calcutta, Delhi, Jaipur, Bombay, Varanasi, Darjeeling, Goa, Madras, and Agra. With a vibrant history going back thousands of years India incorporates numerous languages, cultures, and religions. The landscape is marked with awe inspiring Hindu temples, Buddhist stupas, Islamic Mosques, and royal palaces. Evidence remains of the earliest Dravidian peoples, Aryans, Mongols, Muslims, and British. The most amazing aspect of India, however, is not the remnants of these various pasts, but the vibrant life of today. India is a world mixing and continuing many traditions and presenting many contradictions. You can't help but become immersed into an extraordinary new ocean. India is a world where you will be forced to question your beliefs (or cling to them more firmly than ever) and confront the deep truths of your own existence.



The temple Jamma Masjid. PHOTO BY THE AUTHOR

Amidst the black exhaust smoke and pollution of the world's second most populous nation (900 million people) and despite the often extreme poverty and low economic standards of living, India possesses a people and culture so complex, diverse, and rich I find it difficult to even begin a description. I hesitate to make any characterizations. It is often said that everything...and its opposite are true in India. It is a place that includes tropical rice paddies, ice capped mountains, mighty rivers, vast deserts, jungles, beaches, plains, and great cities. Among this diverse geography there is also a wide range of peoples. In dress, appearance, and practice each group and each individual stands out with vibrant character.

If any generalization holds, I believe it to be that Indians are among the kindest, most generous, and hospitable people of the world. During my stay there I had the opportunity to meet CEOs, peasant farmers, physicians, college professors, and countless other individuals. Sheikhs, Jains, Paris, Muslims, Christians, and Hindus (the vast majority) combine various forms of dress, culinary styles, religious traditions, and cultures to compose an amazing quilt. India is in this way very divided, but thus far the fragments have remained a cohesive whole. In India the separations and insulation of one part of society from the next is far more transparent than the U.S. Old and new, rich and poor, the mightiest and most feeble of persons mingle together in a mass that sometimes overwhelms, but also reinforces our human position. It is a world where we are reminded to think of ourselves not only as individuals, but also as members of a vast social and cultural fabric.

Family is by far the most important institution in India, and three or even four generations often reside under the same roof. Young men and women continue to trust their parent's help in arranging their marriages. Religion and superstition also play a tremendously important part of family and social life, not just in Sunday ritual, but in daily life. Lingams (phallic symbols of the mighty Hindu God Siva) are not just included in temples, but on cars' dashboards and as hood ornaments. In addition to countless temples (seemingly everywhere one turns) there are also puja rooms set aside in individuals homes for making offerings. Here, Hindus connect intimately with their gods: the elephant headed Ganesh, awesome aspects of Siva, and the lyrical life of the flute playing Krishna. In Hinduism the deeds of this life determine one's position in the next. Our own comfort with scientific certainty quickly becomes worn down by age old methods and traditional understandings. Their beliefs and practices are themselves products of the "real world" and a far deeper history than our own. Astrology, found mostly in supermarket check out aisles here, is reliably turned to for guidance in practical matters in India. Marital pairs must have signs that match up. Whether it is a worse or better system than our own I cannot say. It certainly struck me as strange, yet when I tried to explain my own family of step-siblings, half cousins, and second wives I got some awfully curious gazes.

The institution of marriage reveals only one of many contrasts between our two worlds. Certainly I found the divisions between men and women, high caste and low caste, rich and poor uncomfortably deep in India. I also found families to be much tighter and closer knit, communities where everyone knew each other, and that actions were carried out not only for self-interest, but more often to fulfill a sense of duty. Indians are a people who help out their family, serve their village, respect their religion, take pride in their states, and love their nation.

In India attempts are less likely to be made to resolve each contradiction and distinguish every overlap. While we struggle to impose clarity on reality, Indians live in a land so rich, vast, and populous they are resigned to the true beauties and horrors of existence. It is a world of imperfection but also of beauty. It is one of extraordinary complexity and great simplicity. The dust of its deserts, flowers of its hills, and India's green lowlands mix into an artistic abstraction where contradictions abound and understandings grow slippery.

Home to millions of vegetarians India also boasts Tandoori chicken and other meat dishes whose tenderness and flavor parallels any other in the world. India's stark poverty is matched only by the nation's own symbols of wealth: palaces and temples adorned with countless hand carved figures, paintings, and jewels. The abstract absolutes of Vedic understandings somehow meld with hundreds of deities and thousands of godly manifestations. The Indian world remains relatively free of the scientific order and rationality we create here in the West. Things are taken more as they are. Both the earthly realities and the cosmic truths are celebrated in a great variety of shapes.

India is by no means a perfect world, caste divisions, poverty, and strife are very real, but I found a metaphysical strength and cultural vitality incomparable to our own. Anyone who's been to India knows the dangers and frightening aspect of the chaotic traffic there. It mixes bicycles, trucks, rickshaws, cars, bullock carts and tourist vans. Yet looking past the immediate terror one experiences I found great beauty. Paintings decorate even the most fearsome of trucks with colorful designs, depictions of stylized features (especially eyes), and geometrical patterns.

Meanwhile, often alongside, a slow pacing cow tugs along a wooden cart stacked with a huge mound of heaping hey. Among the surging movements of people on city streets one finds flower garlands (including the most fragrant jasmine, roses, and lilies). In dress also there is a love of colors and ornate beauty.

While most tourists spend there time in these city circumstances and among the crowded tourist attractions many consider India's villages the nations real heart and soul. Indeed the majority of people still live in rural areas. Here, without the urban crunch of traffic and masses of people, Indian beauty is even easier to distinguish. People live in close knit kin groups with village interdependence. It is by no means an easy life, but the craft, religious, and social traditions continue as they have for hundreds of years. This kind of life presents a contrast to our own more disposable approach to existence and love for commodities.

I find myself getting lost even trying to speak of India. I can only suggest you take a bicycle rickshaw ride through Calcutta, stare into the eyes of a beggar with no arms or legs, visit temples and palaces so exquisite in detail they seem to defy even your imagination. At Ellora a tremendous five story temple is carved out of a single rocky hill side. No parts were assembled, it was carved, all five stories, from top to bottom. Imagine carving the chapel from an enormous boulder. Now quadruple its size add many more passageways, and stairways, adorn it with countless stone figures and decorations and you can begin to describe the site. To walk through its passages is to experience the surreal.

If you really want to learn something go to a mosque where thousands join in communal prayer. Visit a polo match where the most beautiful horses are mounted by turbaned Sheikhs, English officers, and the descendants of Indian princes. I don't know what you're looking for, but I was just looking for something different. I found something extraordinary.

Finally, before you leave visit my host family. You can discuss arranged marriage, watch Rambo, talk about the state of medicine in our two countries, or play with their lovely granddaughter. They'll drop what they're doing to spend time with you, and they'll serve you a dish of chicken Biryani that will knock your socks off. Don't try and thank them though, or tell them how good it is, because it will only be an excuse to pile more onto your plate. And finally, having eaten more than you thought humanly possible, you will resign yourself to leaving a heaping portion on your plate, in pain, but looking forward to returning again. Because now you are at home there. Now you are at home in the exotic streets of a country half way around the earth, India.

Nick and his host family. PHOTO BY THE AUTHOR

FYI: Urinary Tract Infections

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

Urinary tract infections (UTI's) are one of the most common afflictions occuring in adult women. It is estimated that one out of every four adult women will have a UTI at least once in her lifetime and many women have them recurrently.

UTI's are caused by bacteria entering the bladder, a normally sterile environment. They enter through the urethra, the tube connecting the (1 inch) and straight, it offers little resistance to bacteria that is normally present in the nearby vagina and anus. UTI's are less common in men where the urethra is 9 inches long and at a considerable distance from the anus.

There are several ways bacteria get to the urethra. The most common way is form wiping from back to front after having a bowel movement, bringing bacteria from the anus to the urethra. During sex, bacteria can enter the urethra as a result of the movement and friction or from contaminated fingers. Holding your urine for long periods of time can increase the chances for infection because bacteria have more time to multiply. Diaphragms and improperly placed tampons can lead to infections because they may push on the urethra and make it hard to completely empty the bladder. This residual urine is a good breeding place for bacterial growth.

The symptoms of a UTI are fairly classic. Most women will have a burning sensation and possibly pubic pain when they urinate. They also have to go to the bathroom more frequently and with a sense of urgency, but only in small amounts. The most alarming symptom for many women is bloody urine. The urine may just look cloudy and dark or look like frank blood. Occassionally there will be chills, fever, and back pain. These last symptoms may indicate a more serious infection of the kidney.

If you have any of these symptoms, you need to see your health care provider as soon as possible. He or she will test a urine specimen and prescribe an appropriate antibiotic for 10 to 14 days. It is extremely important that you complete the full course of treatment even though the symptoms usually disappear within 24 hours. It is also important to drink at least 12 glasses of fluids a day, preferably water. You should avoid alcohol, caffeine, and citrus juices. Sexual intercourse should be avoided until treatment is complete.

To prevent UTI's, practice good personal hygeine, drink plent of fluids, urinate as soon as possible after sexual intercourse and go to the bathroom as soon as you have the urge to do so.

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Features

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Mind Matters: Procrastination, Why do today what you can put off 'til tomorrow?

By Jennifer Leschinski '96
PEER ADVISOR

Procrastination, the avoidance of a specific task or work which needs to be done, is a common problem for many students at Hamilton College. Procrastination can be the result of several different causes and can take many forms.

People procrastinate for numerous reasons. Typically, the main reason for procrastinating is because the individual has no interest in the task at hand. This may happen when the student feels that the topic is not relevant in his or her life. A perfect example of this would be a task assigned by a professor many weeks ago, but which has been put off until starting it at midnight the night before it is due. Another reason why people procrastinate relates to the fear of what the final product will end up looking like.

Not only do we fear living up to other people's expectation, but some of us also do not think we can achieve the reaching of our own standards. Some individuals still believe that perfection is attainable. The rest of us realize that perfection is simply our own satisfation with the final product. The third excuse for procrastination is not being familiar with the information necessary for the task to be completed. We typically prefer to sit down and do the homework assignment for the course we understand, rather than write the paper on the book that made no sense to us. Another example of this is when we are not qualified to perform the task at hand. Different people all have different skills. Unfortunately, when we feel we lack certain skills, our fear often builds and we procrastinate.

The last main reason for procrastination is a lack of clarity about what is expected. Ambiguity confuses a lot of people. Rather than having the question explained early on, students may put off going to ask for assistance thinking that the explanation may come to them one day, on its own, somehow.

Procrastination manifests itslf in many ways. I think the most popular form of procrastination among college students is to turn around and begin talking to one of your roommates, or walk down the hall and find someone who does not have an assignment due the next day. More often than not, this person is more than willing to sit around and talk. Procrastination becomes almost an illness.

Each individual must attempt to figure out how they procrastinate as the first step in finding a solution. There are people who convince themselves, as time passes, that the task will diminish. I have heard several people "commit" themselves to going to the library right after dinner, and not return to their room until the library closes. A few hours later the individual is sitting around watching *Melrose Place* or *Seinfeld*, their resolve lost.

Whenever this happens, people suddenly convince themselves that their exam will not be half as difficult as they had anticipated earlier in the day, or that their assignment that took everyone else four hours, will only take them one because they understand the material better. Other people procrastinate because they are content with the performance they have been achieving and do not feel the need to strive to anything higher. This may be you if six out of your eight teachers in high school said "you aren't working up to your potential".

Another way people procrastinate is by convincing themselves that they must get something else done immediately. You knew you were thinking about trying out for the basketball team over the summer. You had plans to try to get in shape before the season began. The first time you really go run a few miles is the night before your ten page paper is due for English class. Suddenly, getting in shape became your number one priority! Another example is using several minor delays to let something pile up. Instead of starting your studying you feel committed to checking how everyone on your floor is doing. It will only take five minutes at each room, but then there's always those other friends from home that need your attention.

Fortunately, for those of us that can relate to these examples, there are ways to overcome procrastination. The first one is to set deadlines. If you know you have a paper due, aim to having the reading done a week in advance, and the rough draft three days early. Be ambitious.

Another method is to write down all the separate tasks that must be completed before you can actually write the paper. Seeing "research, outline, rough draft, and final draft" on your list of things to get done, looks much more time consuming than "paper", and this may motivate you to get some of it done ahead of time. Another method is to establish a system of rewards. When you're half done, visit someone for fifteen minutes. When you're three-quarters completed, order from "Roma's". This always motivates me to finish the task before my food gets delivered! Another method, and in my opinion the hardest, is to try to get a lot of the tedious things done early on. I think the easiest way to commit to getting something done is to find someone else who loves to procrastinate, and overcome it together.

During first year at Hamilton, there were a few of us on my floor that constantly spoke about exercising, and how we wanted to go every day. Finally, two of us made plans to go the next day, and committed to a time three days a week with one another. This actually worked straight through first semester. Then second semester rolled around and we never agreed on a time. People often feel more obligated to an agreement when it includes other people, rather than to one with themselves.

Procrastinating is obviously a lot more fun than working. We've all found that out ourselves. However, it is something we all should try our hardest to overcome. If we are successful the worst thing that could happen is our grades go up, and we begin to get done the things we often only talk about.

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What exactly is the Hamilton Christian Fellowship?

By Rebecca Pierce '97
Special to Features

Imagine a group of people sitting in a room together. We are seniors, juniors, sophomores, and first-years. Our majors are varied: geology, economics, biochemistry, computer science, sociology, and music. Not two of us are from the same city in the United States, and there is a wide representation of ethnic backgrounds in the group. Not all members are American: we have an Ugandan and an Armenian. Also, we hardly represent a denominational church group: in this group there are Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Assemblies of God, Episcopalians, and non-denominational Christians.

Some play sports, some do work-study, some are in leadership positions at Hamilton, some are Republican, some are Democrat, some are conservative, some are liberal. To an outside viewer, it would seem that we have nothing in common. But we do: a common, strong belief in God and Jesus Christ; a common desire to follow God in our actions and lives, and a common goal to reach others with the god news of salvation. These are guided by God's living Word: the Bible.

"Who cares?" some might ask. "I'm not into that religious stuff." But wait: we're more than a holy-roller, Bible-beating group. We are an open group of friends, who support each other through college life's ups and downs through friendship and prayer. We can also let loose and have fun, watch movies, play games, and laugh a lot. It's more than a church on campus, it's more than religion. It's enjoying a close relationship with our Creator and being friends with a group of people who share our love for God.

Many people have had bad experiences with Christianity and religion, and have an idea that Chistians are hypocrites, or bigots, or close-minded. It's true and sad that some Christians are like that. But in the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, we encourage open-minded discussions and questions. Through studies of the Bible we can understand different points of view and know why we believe what we do.

The Intervarsity doesn't have an intellectual argument to prove. We are simply a group of people who love Jesus and believe that the Bible, although it was written long ago, has many applications for our daily lives. Also, we encourage any person of any religious or non-religious background to join us: there is no initiation or membership, no requirements or rules. There are many opportunities to learn about God and the Bible, to be supported and prayed for by friends, and to enjoy a fun, relaxing night of fellowship with people who love God.

Every weekday at noon in the basement of Kirkland room 015 we have prayer for half an hour. First we talk about our classes, families, or friends that need prayer and we read about a country in the world that needs prayer. Then we pray together: some pray out loud, others are silent; it's a personal preference. And believe it or not, our prayers are answered, whether they be for big papers or finals, the health of people we know, or personal concerns. God is living and active in this world.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

One who desires to bless us and help us through our daily struggles. Prayer is an amazing tool for life.

On weeknights we have small-group Bible studies, which cover a range of topics that one can choose from depending on one's interests. The studies are different every semester, and new ones are beginning now. Anyone and everyone is welcome. To give an example of the topics we cover, consider the three studies we led last semester. One studied the gospel of John, another read a book called "Know why you believe" and discussed it, and the third bounced around topics depending on people's interests and ideas. These are small groups of only 3 to 10 or so people and they offer an open environment for study.

On Friday nights, in our Large Group Meeting, we have anywhere from ten to eighteen people attending. We have a different kind of meeting every week, which makes for a fun and interesting night. First we get rid of the stress of finals and homework with an interactive, fun, (sometimes crazy) game. Then we sing worship songs, fast and slow, with the help of a piano or guitar.

Sometimes we watch an informative video, listen to a guest speaker from a nearby church or organization, or we amy just have an informal night of sharing. Every week it's different, and under new leadership this semester, there's promise of some exciting events.

Our group is also involved in community service, especially in the Lutheran Homes in Clinton. We have been involved with the Utica Rescue Mission as well, and we are always on the lookout for ways to reach out ot the community.

How does one get involved in Hamilton's Christian Fellowship? Just join us in any of our activities or contact someone who is part of our group. We welcome you.

In the time of life where most students are asking themselves serious questions like, "What do I want to do with my life?" (the senior panic) or "Why do I exist?" (after a Religion or Philosophy class) or "Why does it seem like life is so unfulfilling?" (after getting sick from alcohol), it's nice to have someone greater than all the circumstances, problems, and stress that we can turn to: God. Our faith makes life much more bearable. More than that, God promises in the gospel of John "He has come to give you life, much more abundantly." Furthermore, God sent His Son to die that we might have eternal life (John 3:16).

Finally, He said in the Bible that He desires that all might come unto Him. an invitation which is not selective, or condemning, or threatening. "Come unto me", as a father would beckon his child. We invite you to join our group at any time, and to witness God's love in our lives. Have a great semester.

Cat's Cook Corner

Tzatziki

An exotic dip from Greece. It is great with baked potatoes or with a nice fresh loaf of French Bread.

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Salt

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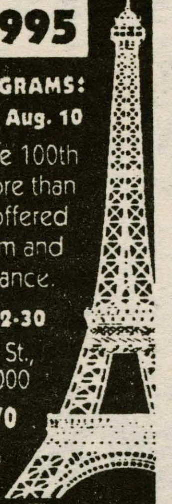

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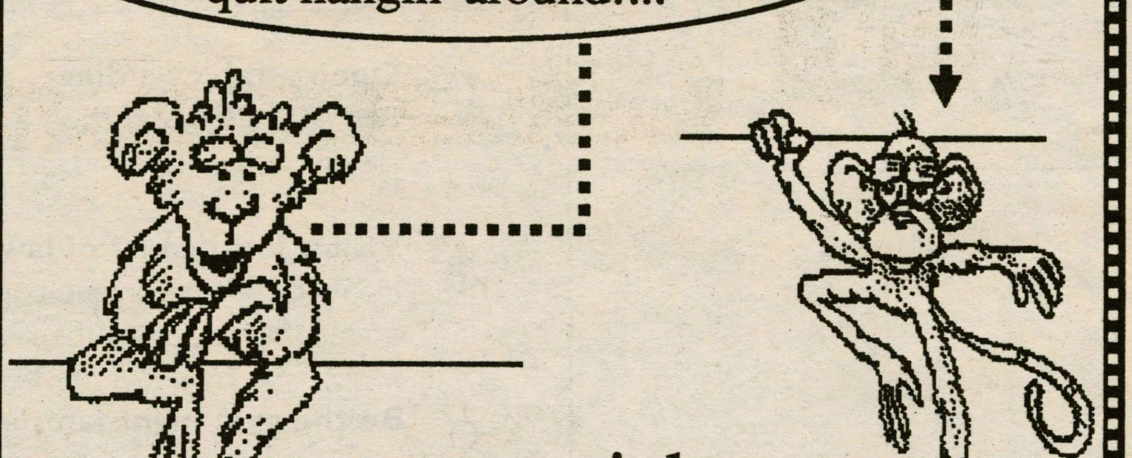

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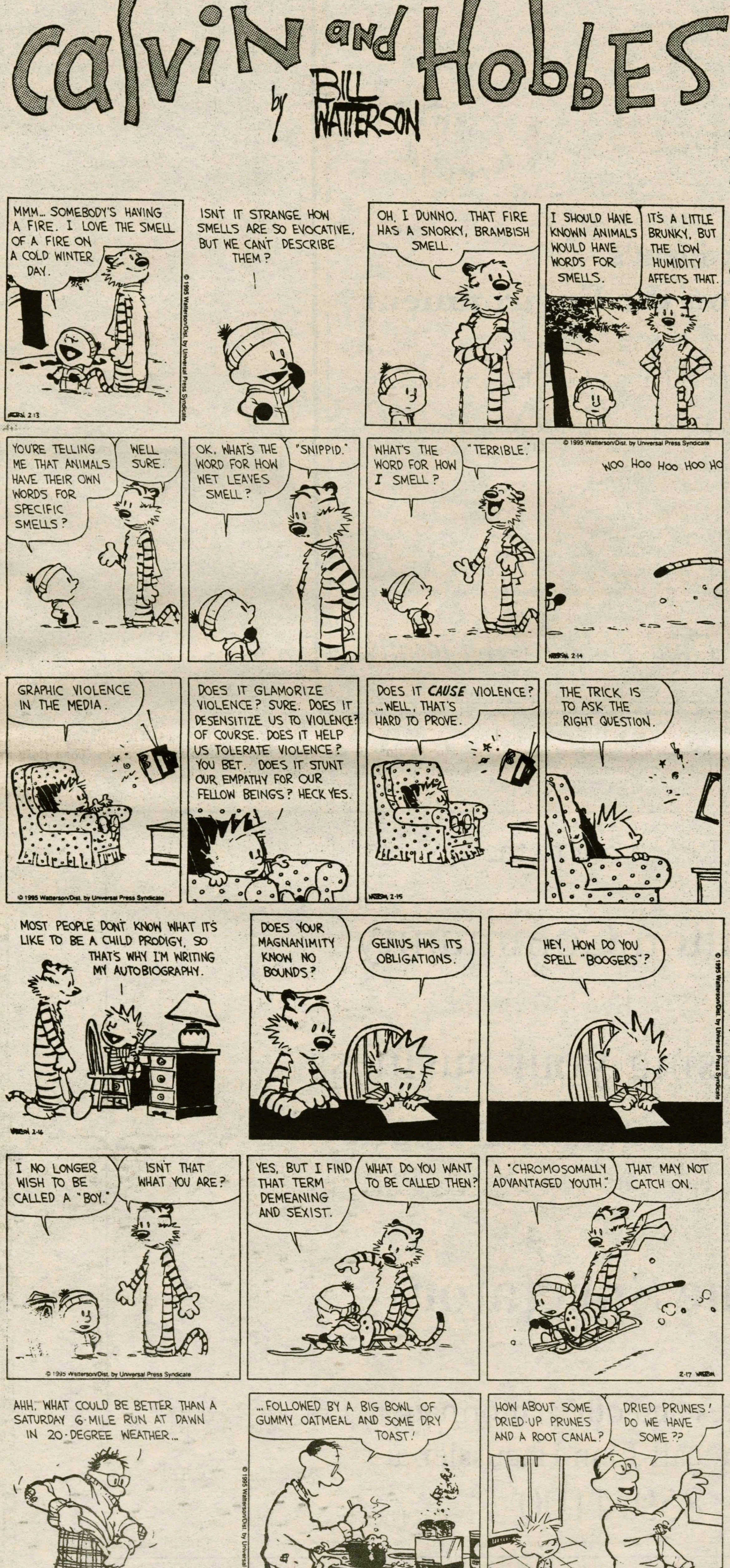

Quotable Quotes

By Josh Ribner '97

"All this talk about masturbation and you have to go call your mom?"
-Avery Cook '97 on Devon LaDelfa's first response to this intimate topic.

"I finally got my home ice rink frozen all the way through. Unfourtunately, I also lost two of my children in it to hypothermia."
-Professor of Govenrnment, Ted Eismeier. on the delicate balance of fatherhood.

"Hey Sachino, how many ounces in a cup?"
"Two ounces, eight ounces, it depends on the cup."
-Mark Moldenhauer '97 to Michael Sachino '97 on creating a home economics requirement at Hamilton.

"Hey! Its cold enough outside that if you inhale through your nose really hard, your snot freezes!"
-Overheard by a student in Beineke. Hey, is it too late to start a senior thesis?

"That's what Archeologists do...they find old stuff and date it."
-Dr. Tom "Indiana" Jones during a Human Ancestors Archeology class-isn't there a law against that sort of relationships?

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Our special feature of the week, **Missy Wiechmann '97** speaks on dating

"Maybe you can lie and say you hooked up too."
-Missy trying to coerce a roomate into auditioning for the Montel show.

"He is not a conquest because I had him last year."
-Missy on looking toward new lands to conquer.

"You treat us like a salad bar or plate of Hors D'oevers, sampling what you want."
-Bill Murphy '96 to Missy regarding her treatment of his fraternity.

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"I turned my back and then by the time I turn around you're playing with me."
-Eric Martin '97 getting possesive with his computer.

"This is coming from a person who has conversations with himself and is sometimes wrong."
-Eric Ritvo '96 on Sam Walker's'96 credibility.

"Heh- stop playing with my tool."
-Rebecca Stevens '98 in response to her roommate's boyfriend playing with her hammer.

"I'm taking a taxi to the other side."
- Sam Walker '96 on the long walk from the Spec to Babbitt right before he called security.

"It's not nice to inflate people."
-Latoya Jackson '98 on not being too nice to Jim Bourno '98.

"I have nothing for you, Sam."
-Gabe Meyer '96 to Sam Walker on the absence of pretzels at the Spec.

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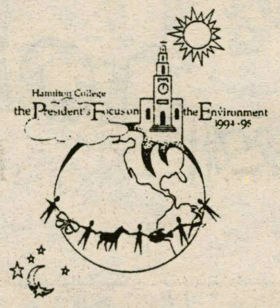

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Coke-onomic boom? Cocaine and Colombia's growing economy

This is part of a series of articles written by members of Hamilton on Latin America (HOLA). Although this column is devoted to the opinions of HOLA members, it does not necessarily reflect the views of the organization as a whole. HOLA meetings take place every Tuesday at 4 in the CJ Browsing Room and are open to all interested faculty and students.

Alejandro Eder

HOLA

The 1990's have brought forth in Colombia, as they have in most of Latin America, an economic boom without precedent. Most of this is credited to the neo-liberal policies adopted by the countries of this diverse region. However, some economists and politicians have argued that Colombia's economic prosperity was made possible largely by the contribution of drug money which supposedly enters the country each year. This belief is farfetched because during the past decade and a half, the cocaine trade has only damaged the Colombian economy and prevented it from expanding to its maximum potential.

In order to fully understand why drug money is harmful, we primarily need to understand three economic terms. The first is devaluation, the downgrading of one nation's currency as compared with another nation's currency. A developing country with an open market, like Colombia, which increasingly depends on exports for its economic growth, would benefit from a devalued Columbian peso versus the United States dollar to maintain its overall competitiveness.

In addition to the fast growing legal exports, the illegal drug industry also brings large amounts of dollars into Colombia. As more dollars enter the country, the peso appreciates. This causes what is commonly known as the Dutch Disease. What happens is that Colombian exports become less competitive because local producers receive an increasingly smaller amount of pesos for a given amount of exported goods. Additionally, since the economy is open, Colombian goods produced for the local market are less and less competitive versus imports. Overall, Colombian production and economic growth are harmed by the appreciating peso.

Inflation, the rapid increase in prices for everything from goods to services, is the second term we need to be familiar with. High inflation affects economic growth because consumers lose their purchasing power and therefore demand is halted. The previously mentioned rapid influx of dollars forces the Colombian central bank, Banco de la Republica, to increase the monetary base as there is a great demand for pesos. This causes high internal inflation relative to the U.S. dollar inflation. Therefore, the increasing cost of factors of production (raw materials and labor) squeeze further the profitability of the local producers. The less competitive industries go out of business, hampering further economic growth.

The last term is investment, capital contributed to a firms stock with the purpose of increasing the firm's continuing productivity. This increases the capital base and drives long-term economic growth. High investment translates into a higher productive capacity which allows the economy to supply more goods and services to consumers. Since most of the drug money that returns to Colombia is not invested in the domestic productive sector, but rather is used to buy luxury goods and real estate or invested in North American and European banks, the economic potential of the country is not helped at all. Instead there is very high demand for certain goods and services relative to its local supply. Thus, the economy does not grow much and consumers, especially those in the middle and lower classes, become increasingly poor because of the inflation that results in industries such as housing.

In conclusion, drug money has a few positive effects, such as creating new jobs in the construction industry. But the negative effects brought on by this cash, seen by the appreciation of the peso, high inflation (18-24%), and the lack of investment, eclipse the former short-lived benefits because there is no ground for future growth. Furthermore, legitimate Colombians have to refrain from investing larger sums of money into the growing economy because they must commit a large part of their earnings on top of their normal taxes (according to the Wall Street Journal, an additional 25%) to government bonds not only to keep the economy growing, but also to fight the war on drugs imposed by the United States.

Sam laments: Without cable, my life is nothing

Sam Walker

The Right Perspective

Cable television needs to be accessible to every Hamilton student. As of right now, most students do not have access to it in their rooms. Considering the fact that the majority of dorms on this campus are cable ready, the question is why should we be denied the right to cable television?

I speculate that the number one reason that we do not have cable is because the administration thinks we will just sit in our room all day watching television. They should have more faith in us, if they deem us to have intellectual ability to attend Hamilton. There will always be some people who sit in their room all day and do nothing. But if these students don't have the discipline to also do school work, they will find themselves watching television at home or at a lesser school.

On the Hill we are sequestered from society. Realistically, we are one day behind the rest of civilization. How many times have your parents called you and said, "Have you heard about.....?" I'm sure it has happened many times, and your answer has been no. Watching late night news on CNN or the Weather channel before you go to bed is not the worst of ideas. Right now, in order to do this, one has to venture down as much as three flights of stairs for an opportunity to watch cable. Even then, it is probable that someone else has already monopolized the television set in the lounge.

Now, what about the local stations WUTR (ABC) and WKTV(NBC) which students with televisions can receive without having cable?(that is of course if they have a good antenna) With deference to Dennis Williams '92 and Susan Postlewaite '94 who are on air talents for WKTV and WUTR respectively, I will be nice and say that the stations do a great job of reporting local news. With news from outside the Mohawk Valley, I would say they could use a little work. In regards to the rest of the stations programming, Maury Povich at 3:00 in the afternoon is all that needs to be said.

I spent last semester in Washington DC. Our rooms had cable in them. Did this mean I watched cable all day? No, but I kept up to date with news from around the globe. Furthermore, this increased awareness of events helped me in my academics. When writing papers, or in class discussions, global knowledge has helped me.

Opponents of cable TV argue there are too many channels that are not of educational value. So what? Students should have the opportunity to veg out for an hour a day if they choose. It's better than drinking all day, isn't it?

Others contend that there is the great medium of the newspapers, i.e. *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, which students can read for knowledge. Newspapers are a day behind the times. Why should we have to wait a day to learn something that happened twelve hours prior?

I'm not advocating watching cable in your room all day. But the fact is this campus is cable ready and the administration will not allow us to take the next step and hook up the service. My own parents can't believe I don't have cable in my room. My grandmother who used to be a staunch opponent of cable but who is now a CNN groupie, couldn't understand it when I told her last week that I did not have the option of putting cable in my room.

I understand there are many more pressing needs on this campus. However, none can be fixed as easily as the implementation of cable.

This campus prides itself on a traditional approach to education. But that does not mean we have to be in the stone ages compared to the rest of the world. Even many convicted criminals have cable in their cells.

Students should have the option regarding cable in their rooms. This lack of access to cable TV is harmful to our educational opportunities here at Hamilton.

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Letters and Op-Ed

EDITORIALS

Of rumors and the Residential Life Study

Tensions on campus are on the rise. With the announcement of the final results of the Residential Life Study but three weeks away, rumors have been circulating regarding both its outcome and the way in which members of this community plan to deal with it. Rumors have ranged from the improbable to the ludicrous. One of the most widespread falsehoods is that Residential Advisors have received riot training in anticipation of possible conflicts which may ensue following the announcement of the results. Another rumor holds that as a Result of the Residential Life Study, some athletic fields will become the sites of new residence halls.

This sort of unfounded speculation only causes additional anxiety and fear. Many have forgotten that this study has been conducted by a group that has invested substantial amounts of their time and efforts in the College—the Hamilton College Board of Trustees. Whatever the results of the Residential Life Study may be, and they remain uncertain despite the assertions of some, behind them are the best of intentions.

The final recommendations now being considered for announcement in three weeks have not been created with the intention of provoking conflict and confrontation in our community. The underlying motive behind their formulation is continued improvement and the best interests of Hamilton.

Bearing this in mind, we should not fear the worst. Though some groups on this campus will likely be disappointed by the results of the Residential Life Study, its net effect will be positive. There is no point in worrying excessively. After all, our best interests have much to do with those of the College.

The Spectator is also for faculty

Three weeks ago, *The Spectator* announced the creation of a new column for faculty opinion entitled "Out of School." This column was to appear in our Letters and Op-Ed section every week. Due to a lack of submissions, we are still yet to run the debut of the column.

So much of what takes place at Hamilton revolves around the commitment of its faculty. In many an instance, faculty members are willing to share their opinions on issues affecting the campus when students will not. And as most faculty have been here longer than students, their opinions are often supported by their years of experience and a historical perspective with which they can frame many issues. Though Hamilton's student body has often been accused of apathy, most professors are willing speak out on issues of importance. *The Spectator* provides an additional forum in which they may do so.

The Spectator is for faculty as well as students. In order to make this newspaper truly representative of the Hamilton community, the voice of the faculty must be heard. We look forward to printing our new column, "Out of School" in the near future.

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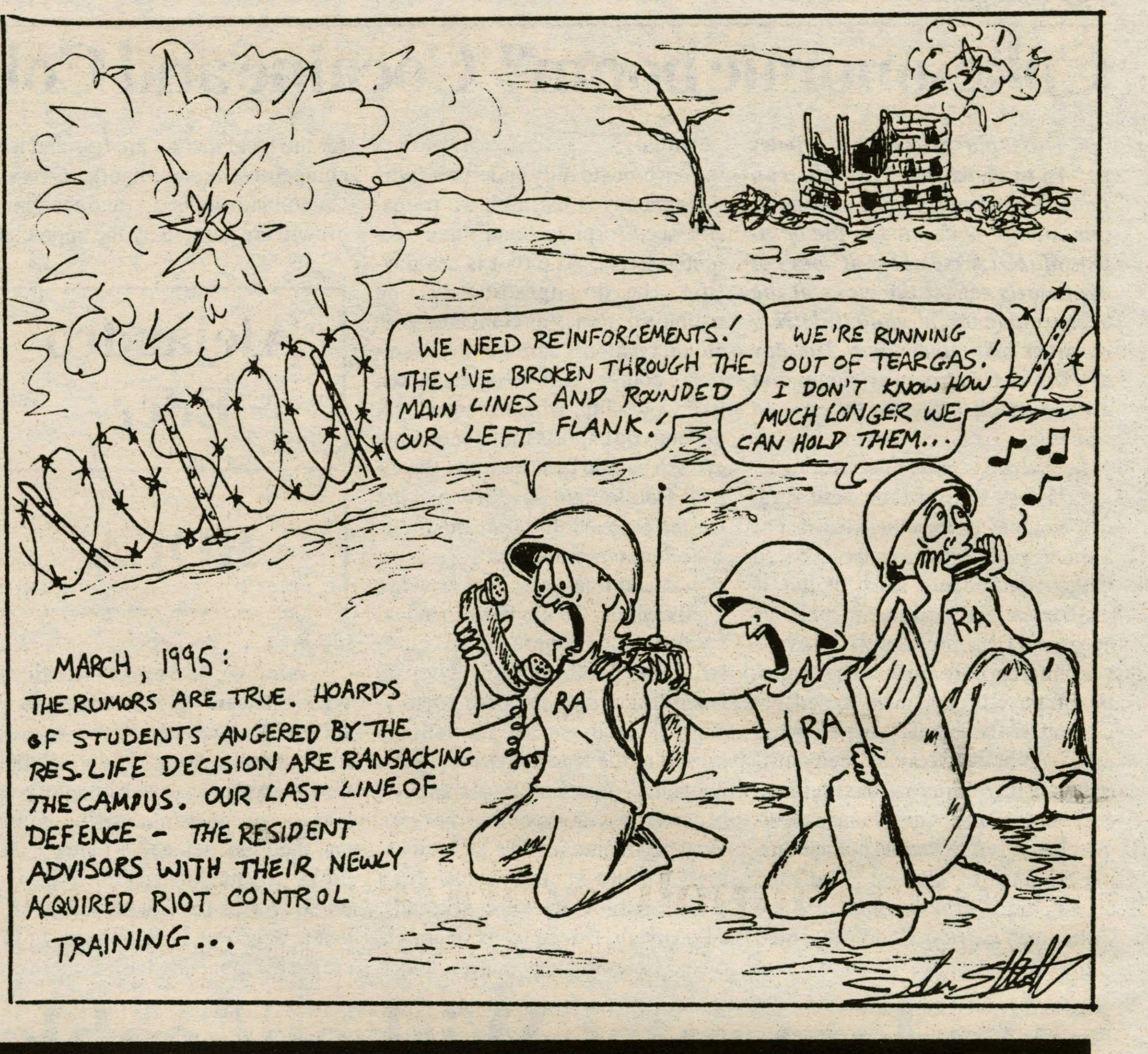

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assistant Dean of Admission responds to criticism

To the editor:

I am responding to Myron Brown's letter to the editor that appeared in *The Spectator* last week concerning the Admission Office's recruitment of multicultural students. As the on-campus coordinator for the recent Bronx High School of Science tour, I feel it particularly necessary to clarify some of Mr. Brown's assertions.

First, Mr. Brown claims that the Bronx Science tour was a multicultural recruitment event. This assumption is incorrect. Perhaps Mr. Brown believes that since our former Director of Multicultural Recruitment, Vicki Green, was historically in charge of the Bronx Science tour that it was therefore a "multicultural" event. In fact, Ms. Green was in charge of the trip because the Bronx, and therefore Bronx Science, was part of her territory as an admission officer, not because it focused on multicultural students.

Every year Hamilton is asked to host Bronx Science juniors as part of a three day, thirteen college tour. These students are on our campus for a total of 2 1/2 hours, and we are usually the sixth or seventh college that they have seen in a 36 hour period. Because of the strength of this science-oriented high school, we welcome the opportunity to showcase our campus and give these students the opportunity to speak with members of the student body and the faculty. For obvious reasons, we ask science faculty and Bronx Science alumni/ae, including Mr. Brown, to participate in our introduction to Hamilton. Although we recognize that it would be impossible to expose these students to every facet of social and academic life at Hamilton, we try to give them a glimpse into Hamilton in the broadest sense. We hope that those students sincerely interested in Hamilton College will return to our campus for a longer, more in-depth stay.

Ironically enough, there was a multicultural recruitment event happening at the same time as the Bronx Science Tour. Two members of our staff spent that weekend in New York City interviewing multicultural applicants. The fact that they were participating in a multicultural recruitment event raises a very important point. It is not the sole responsibility of the admission officer with "multicultural" in his or her title to recruit talented multicultural students. It is the responsibility of our entire staff. Also, never does any member of our staff portray Hamilton as a "utopian paradise," particularly regarding multicultural diversity. While it is our job to attract students to Hamilton College, it is also our job to be honest about what Hamilton College is.

As Mr. Brown mentions, we are currently conducting a search for a Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment and expect to fill the position by the start of the next admission cycle. Last year's search was, unfortunately, unsuccessful. The person to whom we made an offer declined for personal reasons and we did not feel that the remainder of the applicants were qualified to assume the position. The reason we have been forced to wait until now to begin another search is entirely based on the "admission cycle." It would have been difficult, if not impossible, to fill the position with an experienced and committed admission professional during any other time of the year.

One last point. Our dedicated and diligent volunteer tour guides give 1-3 tours every week. Although they do not in fact "rehearse" their tours, it is difficult, especially when walking backwards!, to make each and every tour fresh and innovative. Yet, they all still manage to do a wonderful job. I especially appreciate their commitment on a blustery Saturday afternoon.

I thank all of those people who took time out on a Saturday afternoon to introduce 51 Bronx High School of Science students to Hamilton College. I am confident that we will see many of those students on our campus again.

Meredith C. Harper
Assistant Dean of Admission

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An open forum on fraternities

Write letters to the editor expressing your opinions on the fraternity issue...

Letters and Op-Ed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kelly's environmental column did not present full picture of poverty

To the Editor:

While I appreciate Peter Kelly's attempt to educate and expand people's perspectives on the connection between severe poverty and environmental degradation in last week's *Spectator* (February 3, page 14), several points in his article disturbed me.

Two of the problems he listed as caused by population growth, "an increase in land degradation" and "an overabundance of unskilled laborers," betray the misconception that population growth is always about the extremely poor in other countries. He immediately constrained children born under the oppression of poverty to 'unskilled laborers,' and his language, 'overabundance,' indicates that some quantity of these laborers is convenient. For whom? Who determines what is an overabundance of people? Furthermore, he claims this overabundance depresses wages. I would argue that multi-nationalcorporation maneuverings and political jockeying "depresses wages" a great deal more than a 3 or 4 percent birthrate.

As for land degradation, the cash crops grown in colonized countries for export at the expense food crops cause greater damage to the productivity of the land than subsistence farming. For example, look at how tobacco killed the farmland of the U.S. east coast. The cycle of maximum-yield cultivation and over-reliance on dangerous chemical fertilizers and pesticides by large corporate planters does far more damage to the soil and eco-system than food crops produced by growing and hungry families. Perhaps the degradation Kelly is thinking of occurs in the marginal farmland where most family farmers are forced to eak out a living after corporations have bought out the most productive land.

The bloated bellies Kelly refers to are, according to Frances Moore Lappe, "the result of protein deficiency, a state which allows fluid to accumulate in the interstitial spaces between the cells." (Diet for a Small Planet, NY: Ballantine, 1973, p 34-5). A reason for nutritional deficiencies is that "crops selected by colonizers-tobacco,rubber,tea, coffee,cocoa cotton, and other fiber-have negligible nutritional value"(Lappe 16). Another reason, as Lappe argues, is that inefficient meat protein production (cattle) and unbalanced world distributions of protein resources gives some people a very full plate and leaves others to slowly die on starch only diets. Our over-consumption and waste in this country have a direct effect on the desperate poverty of people elsewhere. The demand for export cash crops and meat protein by wealthy nations can not be separated from the poverty, hunger, homelessness and conflict in poorer nations.

Population growth is a global issue, but the discussion is dominated by righteous, powerful, "developed" nations that are afraid of a catastrophic tipping of the scales spurred by third world women not being able to control their sex lives. Indeed, the discussion soon turns to how do 'we' (read U.S) control their birthrate for them. This kind of biased perspective on the global ecological-economy has generated, supported and enacted sterilization and other "population-control" programs that treat women's bodies as reproductive machines to be controlled by the state. The "side effects" of these aggressive and colonialist programs have been: unauthorized sterilizations of healthy women; medications and treatments distributed without prior testing, proper consent, information or follow-up care; and the subjugation of women's health, autonomy and dignity to the machinations of the powerful.

As a last note, "traveling long distances for wood" not only "reduces the time women have for cooking and other work." It also wears down their bodies and takes time away from their families, their community, and *themselves.* My intentions are not to condemn Kelly, as I find much value in his article as well, but any good understanding of how our global ecological-economy operates will require sharing viewpoints and perspectives. I look forward to Kelly's next article and to continuing this dialogue.

Rebecca J. Kemnitz '95

Get-tough policy: Recruiter's simple solution for ranking slip

To the Editor:

During 1994, Hamilton College was featured on nationwide television news not once, but twice, and what a difference between those two reports!

First, last spring, we saw detailed coverage of "The Clinton, N.Y. Health Plan," and then in December, the Hamilton College news story is about a hockey game, reportedly involving live mice and dead rats, oranges and a turkey, and an inflatable doll. "The Clinton, N.Y. Health Plan" is now forgotten by the general public (just as is happening with that "Other Clinton Health Plan"), but the hockey game remains a public relations disaster for Hamilton College. This single dumb "joke" by a few students has tarnished Hamilton's long-established reputation and image, and undermines the efforts of hundreds of people, both staff and volunteers (like myself), to "sell" Hamilton College to prospective new students, and - more important - to their parents.

As the parent of a Hamilton Sophomore, I have joined the Parents Advisory Committee, and am now a "volunteer recruiter" in the community. I have an extensive metropolitan-area "network" from which I can help recruit some excellent students for Hamilton College. It was also my pleasure to represent the College at a nearby college fair last fall. From what I've read and heard - and from personal observations from 20 car trips to Clinton - it was not hard to boast about the impressive setting, safety and standards of Hamilton College, and urge students and their parents to visit the campus and "see for themselves." But this was before the hockey game debacle. Now, however, what do I say when asked about the "rubber blowup doll," whether Hamilton is now a "party school," or if there is, indeed, gross insensitivity and/or overt racism or sexism on campus? I am frankly annoyed that I may now have to give explanations about the headlines.

With middle-class parents having to spend a great deal of money to send their children to a private college, how many will now not even consider Hamilton College due to the "negative press," since there are many other excellent colleges around that haven't had such bad publicity? I am not sure that my planned response that, "No—This was just a single instance, where a few students showed disastrously poor judgement" will undo the real damage that's been done, since some parents may now mentally dismiss Hamilton, and not even ask.

It is important to remember that, students and parents make choices based largely on image and reputation. I had never even heard of Hamilton College three years ago; had my first exposure been through media coverage of a scandal, it is unlikely my son and I would have even visited the campus. Also, with the "slip" from the "top 25" this past year, the hockey game news could not have come at a worse moment. It will now be even more difficult for the Hamilton College officials who are trying to restore Hamilton's previous rank with the bad press about dead and live animals, garbage, and the black inflatable doll thrown onto the hockey rink ice!

Furthermore, with reference to the 1-8-95 NYT article, "Hyping Numbers at Colleges," (which describes the problem Hamilton faces by not "fudging the admissions statistics," as many other colleges apparently do), it also appears that the effort by Hamilton to honestly improve its "admission ratio" to under 50 percent, will now be much more difficult to achieve, if matters like the hockey game embarrassment lead to even fewer applications! If not reversed, such obnoxious behavior by a few students could eventually lead to a downward spiral of applications, admissions, and rankings, so that Hamilton becomes "second class"!

What can be done to reverse the "fallout" from the hockey game and similar events?

First, I do not think those involved in the incident should be further punished. As the students involved apparently had no "evil intent" and in their minds were just doing what was "traditional" at hockey games, the publicity they generated is punishment enough and it seems unlikely that they will get involved in something so counter-productive again. However, the college should make it very clear that if anything, even a single orange, is thrown out on the ice again, the thrower will be summarily expelled and/or that "sport" will be abolished! Also, it should be made manifestly clear that many criminal action, (ie: arson, drunk-driving, drugs, etc...) will lead to immediate arrest and expulsion! News that such a "get tough" policy has been enacted and is being enforced, would be very helpful toward improving Hamilton's reputation and image among the general public, which must occur if the number of applicants is going to rise again.

My particular reason for this letter is to suggest that the vast majority of Hamilton students who are not involved is such antisocial behavior can also have a major role in helping repair the damage to Hamilton's stature. Regardless of other issues, I am certain that most of you are opposed to these actions, which are stupid, dangerous, and/or illegal. In this regard, you can help by denouncing what has gone on during the past year, and support efforts by the college to prevent any repetition of such destructive behavior.

Rather than give in to any social pressure to tolerate or ignore any deliberate actions by a few, who have endangered others and have harmed Hamilton's standings, you can be a significant counter-force denouncing those who are guilty of harming Hamilton. To anyone reluctant to confront them directly, I suggest you do what the Amish do so well and shun the offenders, until they wisen up and see that those days are now gone forever.

The future status of Hamilton college will depend, largely, on what its present students decide to do or not to do about these very problems, arising from the actions of a few. To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin's 1789 comment about the new government, "You students at Hamilton have a magnificent campus and an outstanding academic institution, if you can keep it up!"

Frank Skala

Letter and Op-Ed Policy

***The Spectator's* Attitudes section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail or sent to one of the Attitudes editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Attitudes box outside the Spectator's office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

2. Letters should be less than 300 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. *The Spectator* will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes. *The Spectator* also reserves the right not to print letters, or opinion pieces. In such cases, the editor will provide the author with the reasons.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

6. No anonymously signed letters will be printed.

Community workshops are valuable

To the editor:

I want to take the opportunity to thank Nancy Thompson and the Student Activities Committee for making Friday's half-day community workshop "Our Cultures, Ourselves" a possibility. Most of the afternoon was spent in small groups looking at conflicts of either a racist, sexist, homophobic, or classist nature presented in role plays by teams of facilitators. I acted with Cornelia Brown, a faculty member, in a role play involving a situation of sexism between student and professor.

While a number of constructive ideas came out of these exercises, I particularly valued the chance to work with a diverse group of Hamilton folks (students, faculty, staff, administrators) on the very real and complex issues presented. While there is no panacea for the difficulties we humans have in relating to each other, workshops like this one do help by facilitating communication, increasing awareness of both similarities and differences, and ultimately building a few bridges. I am hopeful that efforts such as this one will continue, and encourage anyone who has expertise or suggestions for community building and prejudice reduction programs to propose them. If you didn't attend on Friday, perhaps you have spoken with someone who did and will be encouraged to try any similar community-wide events in the future.

Jan Fisher
Counseling

Desperate poverty: What do the world's poor need?

Peter Kelly

Growing Impact

In my last article, I examined the complex interconnectedness of poverty and environmental degradation in the Third World. As my single example of the fuelwood crisis illustrated, you practically needed a flow chart to understand the issues.

Surprisingly, the complex interconnections don't necessarily make the problems harder to solve. Just as deteriorating factors have a ripple effect through the system, so too do improving factors. For example, we've seen how poverty leads to malnutrition, which, in turn, decreases people's ability to work and thereby exacerbates their poverty. The upside of this is that if we improve people's income, their nutrition improves, increasing their ability to work, and thereby further improving their income. Still, there is no magic bullet to fix the vicious cycles of poverty and environmental degradation. To avoid disaster, we must help people pursue their own solutions on many fronts.

But first, let's look at some intuitive "solutions" that have *not* worked.

One of these is simply telling peasants they shouldn't be destroying the Earth. This doesn't get at the roots of the problem at all. Peasants practice unsustainable agriculture on marginal lands not because they have no appreciation of the environment, but because they are forced to. Peasants know as well as (if not better than) we do how destructive their activities are, for they have inherited much traditional wisdom. As their ancestors did, they get most of what they need directly from the land, instead of through long chains of commerce. When they do have rights to land, they care for it as a treasured asset.

Some other would-be solutions are to make protected areas out of forests or other ecosystems, or to prohibit the cutting of trees. But if you're desperate, the fact that some outsiders have called an area a "park" won't discourage you from exploiting it. Parks are expensive and don't get at the roots of the problem. As I've said before, preserves should be viewed as something to preserve land temporarily while better solutions are found and put in place.

Tree-cutting bans, which sometimes exist even on peasants' own property, tend to backfire if enforced. If peasants can't utilize trees at all (at least not without draining away large portions of the trees' value in bribes), then they have no incentive to plant them. Experience has shown that, when they have rights to trees, the poor plant more trees than they cut, for insurance against future hardships. Some of the most deforested regions of the world are those where the poor, especially poor women, have few rights to trees. There is an important lesson here.

Food aid is another program that may backfire. In the short run, food aid depresses food prices, thus decreasing local food production and sending peasants to already-overburdened cities. Often most of the aid doesn't even reach those who need it, partly because of spoilage and theft. And in the long run, food aid allows overpopulation and condemns more people to die in future famines than would at today's population size. We should probably restrict food aid to the alleviation of short-term crises caused by war or political chaos.

Centrally directed development programs usually don't benefit the poor either. Typically, the wealthier people are helped, while the condition of the poor remains essentially unchanged. Industrial development, which is often the cornerstone of central development, requires lots of capital and little unskilled labor, the opposite of what poor countries have. It also provides relatively few jobs.

Fortunately, we're still left with a lot of solutions that *do* work. Any serious efforts toward ending Third World poverty and environmental degradation will require governmental reforms and well-thought-out local programs aided by the developed countries.

In order to do their part in fighting poverty effectively, Third World governments need to concentrate less on centralized development programs and more on basic reforms. The power of wealthy elites is a major obstacle to development. Tax systems that appear progressive are actually regressive because they don't tap the huge investments the wealthy have hidden away in foreign countries. And foreign aid itself is often siphoned off by well-connected elites. All too often, programs such as road-building, electrification, and water-system extensions benefit the prosperous elites before the poor. Even land-redistribution projects can backfire if powerful landowners with highly placed friends in the government end up with a title to much of the commons areas, leaving peasants with even less area for things like wood gathering. We,in the developed countries, should not feel superior or get moralistic about the corruption and bribery evident at all levels in the Third World. What we call corruption may sometimes (though not always) be different traditions of doing business. If we are going to work in the Third World, we'll have to be flexible about how we do business.

We in the developed world should use our economic power (which, we must admit, has actually exacerbated Third World poverty) as leverage to encourage these reforms. Third World countries owe at least $1.8 trillion (about 40% of their collective GNP) to the developed countries. Since 1984, more money has flowed out of the Third World in debt repayments and elite investments abroad than has flowed in through export earnings and aid. Trade protectionism can also devastate the export earnings of Third World countries. We should demand reforms and protection of natural areas in return for easing trade barriers and forgiving debts. (The phrase "debt-for-nature swap" refers specifically to demanding protection of natural areas in return for debt-forgiving.) We also need to shut down the international arms trade. Wars in the Third World waste precious resources, devastate the environment, and create massive refugee problems. Peace is an absolute prerequisite for development.

What sorts of local programs should we be backing? The most successful poverty-fighting programs put the poor in charge of their own livelihoods. On the local level, we should work for population stabilization (partly through improvements in health) and set up organizations to provide low-interest loans. And we must realize that all programs must pay more attention to women than have programs of the past.

Population stabilization should be pursued through the noncoercive measures I advocated in an earlier article: providing access to contraception or family planning, working to reduce infant and juvenile mortality rates, educating and expanding the rights of women, spurring economic development, and providing plans for old age. As I emphasized in my last article, introducing preventative health measures is a good indirect way to slow population growth. Expanding drinking water systems, improving sanitation, breeding nutrient-enriched cereals, and introducing other preventative health measures yield the most results at the least cost.

Providing low-interest loans is another important part of local development. In Bangladesh, corrupt moneylenders often charge 160% annual interest. In response to this, the world's largest affordable-loan program is making loans available to Bangladeshis for only 16% annual interest, concentrating on poor women, and ensuring repayment by using friends' assets as collateral.

In general, targeting women—the poorest of the world's poor—is essential to the success of development. Women are the key to the rural economy in poor countries. In addition to their fuel collection role (which I discussed in my last article), they do much of the world's agricultural work. What's more, it's been true universally that, when women's literacy improves, so too do income and nutrition, while juvenile mortality and population growth decrease. In the past, development has concentrated on men, but future development projects should concentrate on women at least as much as, if not more than, they do on men.

People living in poverty—about four-fifths of the world's population—may need a lot, but all of the poverty programs I've been advocating are really ways to save money. None of the programs will cost as much as direct handouts, and most of them do more long-term good. Desperate poverty may be thousands of miles away, but it degrades our planet and ultimately threatens everyone. Fighting it is an environmental necessity in addition to a moral obligation. Fortunately, we have plenty of weapons with which to fight...if only we commit ourselves to it.

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Members of Bobby Peru strive for success in their future performances

BY DAVID TOWNSEND '97
A&E EDITOR

If you have to ask who Bobby Peru is, you probably won't get it anyway. It's more of a spiritual thing. It dates way back to the founders of the traveling comedy troupe, and is somewhat of an inside joke with the members. "It's not something easily explainable. I mean, we can make people laugh by getting to the very core of the human spirit and twisting it in ways it has never been twisted before, but I can't for the life of me explain to someone what our name means." says Preston Sutton, a member of Bobby Peru. "Yeah, I guess it can only come through experience. It has to be internalized." Jess Godfrey adds.

Bobby Peru

The members of Bobby Peru have had plenty of time to think, not only about what their name means, but about the things that make people laugh. Bobby Peru has been in existence for almost a full year now, and they are ready to break loose. Nat Faxon, one of the founding members, says, "Up to now, we have been doing most of our stuff in front of audiences in the chapel. We have had some great performances with the Hamiltones, Buffers and Special K, but we would really like to branch out and do some different things. I think improvisation is the next big step for Bobby."

While improvements are on the horizon, the sketch comedy that has dominated the troupe's repertoire has been met with great success around campus. If you attended the christmas concert before break, you saw Bobby Peru make fun of Hamilton security giving tickets and confiscating beer, only to return to 'headquarters' to finish what the students didn't. The members feel that there is a lot to make fun of on this campus, and that it's fairly easy to strike a cord with every student in the audience because everybody, they feel, shares the same life, more or less. "Hamilton is a good place for a comedy troupe," says Karen Weber.

Bobby Peru is made up of eight people. The members include Nathaniel Faxon '97, Andy Scully '97, Gregory O'Connell '97, Karen Weber '97, Gregory Jacobi '98, Preston Sutton '98, Jessica Godfrey '95, and John Elliot '95. Tryouts for the troupe are usually held once a semester, and have been well attended in the past. Jacobi says, "there are lots of talented people on this campus, and there's no reason why a group like this can't get together and do some incredible performances. There are opportunities out there to do some really cool things, and with a group like this, there is no telling what might happen. We have some things that we would love to perform, but we just haven't found the right place or time to do so. I think those times are drawing closer."

The troupe has just applied for official club status with the Student Assembly, and if there is any justice in this world, they will be soon be "legal". The members also hope to get an operating budget from the school so that they can pay for props as well as try some new things. "One of the long term projects for us is to make *Bobby - the Movie.* Hopefully we will receive some money so that our dreams of artistic success and stardom can be realized." Faxon says. You can reserve a copy of the soon to be made movie by calling the Bobby Peru 1-900 hotline. Concert dates and news about your favorite Bobby performer will also be available. Was that funny?

Adeline's Videoline

BY ADELINE COOK '95
A&E STAFF WRITER

Adeline's Movietime has been postponed until next week due to snow annihilation. In its place, this week's special, Adeline's Videoline. This week: The Lion King, to buy or not to buy?

Released in June, Disney's latest film, *The Lion King,* will be available on video later this month. I must admit that I was rather disappointed by the film. I am quite an avid Disney fan, and enjoy the oldies as well as such soon-to-be-classics as *The Little Mermaid.* My basic problem with *The Lion King* was its music. The lyricist team who worked on *Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast* is now absent, and has been replaced by Elton John?!! I found the inclusion of a modern style of music well-acclimated to the undersea environment of *Mermaid,* but was rather unimpressed by Elton John in the natural setting of the African desert. Call me strange but, when I think of Elton John, a baby lion cub just doesn't come to mind.

My favorite scene in the movie was the first one, which rather annoyed me because they had released that scene as a preview in earlier Disney sponsored films. It almost seemed like Disney had spent years tending to that magical first scene, and the rest of the film was just done to meet a deadline.

Now don't get me wrong, I rather like the film. But, Disney movies usually carry a sense of magic for me, and I just didn't get that in Lion King. The viewing of a Disney film is an event to be cherished, or at least it should be. *The Lion King* just seemed rather unconnected and commonplace to me.

I did enjoy some of the scenes, especially the comedy evoked by Whoopi Goldberg and her pack of hyenas. I also thought the music was well performed, but I just didn't come out of the theater singing, as I usually do after a new Disney experience. I found the plot rather endearing, reminding me once again of the *Bambi* theme of the future king in his youth etc. But I was rather confused by its twists and turns, and listened to the little kids constantly asking their parents who that big lion was; "Where's baby Simba? What happened to the dad? Who are those two guys with the lion?" Oh, and what kind of animal was that thing with the wild boar anyway?

I'd like to see another film with a strong woman character again, as in *The Little Mermaid.* Jasmine's character in one of the more recent productions, *Aladdin,* was rather a fake feminist in her skimpy midriff and childish complaints for independence.

Perhaps it is exactly this character that we will find in *Pocahontas,* Disney's newest animated film, due out this summer. I must admit, I do not know yet who is working on the music so I can't give an early prediction on the style. Look for Tim Rice's name, as he did a nice job on the lyrics in Aladdin. I only hope that *Pocahontas* will show me what *The Lion King* did not: the magic!

The Lion King
plot ****
animation *****
music *1/2
character development ***

An appendix

BY RUBÉN RIVERO '95
A&E EDITOR

Unlike Adeline, I watched the *Lion King* in the Kirner Johnson auditorium last weekend for the first time. I share her disappointment, however. It is too much fantasy to conceive a lion getting into complex psychological problems, debating whether or not he should become vegetarian instead of regaining his position as the king of a jungle which looked more like a savannah.

I am also longing for the good old days when *Dumbo* or the *101 Dalmatians* were novelties on the big screen. Perhaps we were just naive children of the seventies, while today's overstimulated children of the nineties do appreciate being treated as well-informed human beings on issues of ecology, gender, power structure, and so on. At least my six-year old niece, who has watched the movie a given number of times on her VCR, refers to the movie as one of the cutest things she has ever seen.

Adeline debates whether or not you should rent the movie. Go for it, I'd say, but use your multi-purpose remote control, and its useful "muting" function, while another button selects a hectic dance CD.

ADIRONDACK ADVENTURE

The 1995 Adirondack Adventure program is seeking qualified student leaders. Applications and further information may be obtained in the Office of Student Activities, Bristol Campus Center. Application deadline: February 15.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Arts & Entertainment

Horoscopes for the week of February 10 through 17 by Madame Morgana

EARTH
Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)
Lucky color:cinnamon
Try not to over analyze the love situation. Everything will work out if you leave it alone. Valentines Day (Tuesday) is the perfect time to relax, make a cup of tea (spike it with amaretto if you're feeling feisty), and bond with that special person.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)
Lucky color:teal
Make sure you bundle up. The cold weather is going to stick around for a while longer. Sit and relax by a fire this weekend. If you feel like braving the cold weather make a trip into town and get some marshmallows to roast. Be sure to thank that person for the special favor on Friday.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)
Lucky color:violet
Don't let the work load get to you this week. Run from it as fast as you can. As long as you keep ahead with all that reading you will be fine. But if it catches up to you, don't blame me, you should have exersised more. Remember to call that special person on Valentine's. It will brighten both of your days.

WATER
Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)
Lucky color:peach
What goes around comes around, and you can't teach an old dog new tricks, so don't lead on that person who you know adores you if you don't plan of reciprocating the feelings. And don't try to change the person. You may not even realize what that harmless flirting and nagging is doing: unless you enjoy tearing someones heart fromtheir chest. Dust your room when you get a chance. It will make you sneeze, but then you will feel better.

Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)
Lucky color:maroon
Play soothing music while you're studying for that big test this week. It will help you relax. As long as you keep a positive attitude success will come your way. Ask out a cute Libra. Trust me, they won't refuse as long as you are sincere.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)
Lucky color:salmon
Don't let that Professor get you down. Talk to them about why you're not doing so hot in their class. Have a snowball fight to let out all that pent up energy. Don't forget to exercise. It will pay off come bathing suit season.

AIR
Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23)
Lucky color:silver
Don't forget your manners while wooing that special person. Just because you're worth a million dollars doesn't mean everyone knows it (yet). In fact, no one knows it. Organize your music collection because when you're looking for that mood music you'll be glad you did.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)
Lucky color:soft purple
Make cute, red and pink valentines out of that thick construction paper you used to love so much and send themto your special friends and family. They will love knowing that they were worth the effort. Sit out in the snow and just breathe on Friday. The cool weather will clear your mind. Maybe there will even be some stars looking down on you as you look up at them.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 19)
Lucky color:pale yellow
Don't let those critical people get you down. You know what is best for you. Thank that friend for always being there for you. It means more to them than you think. This year have a quiet Valentine's. Make the usual calls to family and friends and then spend some quiet time with that extraordinary Leo.

FIRE
Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec21)
Lucky color:clover green
Surprise your favorite professor with a visit on Wednesday. He/she will not forget all the effort you put in. That contact may help you in the future. Go wild and throw a party on Saturday at that secret place you've been hiding in.. Invite all of your special buddies to hang out in your room on Sunday. You can always pull a couple of allnighters next week, It will do wonders to your GPA.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)
Lucky color:sea foam green
Although you are keeping up with your work you aren't pushing yourself to the limit. A little extra effort will go a long way. Be kind to that timid Aquarius, you never know when their independent spirit will come to your rescue. Not everyone is as tough as you are. Bake cookies to cheer up that sad friend on Tuesday. It will become one of their fondest memories.

Leo (July 23-Aug23)
Lucky color:heather grey
Get all of your work done early this week so you can let loose this weekend. You deserve a break. I mean it!! Put aside your organizer and have fun. Rent a funny movie on Sunday. It will set the mood for the rest of the week. Because in hindsite the upcoming week will undoubtably be funny, not to mentionhow funny it will be for those watching you stumble through it.

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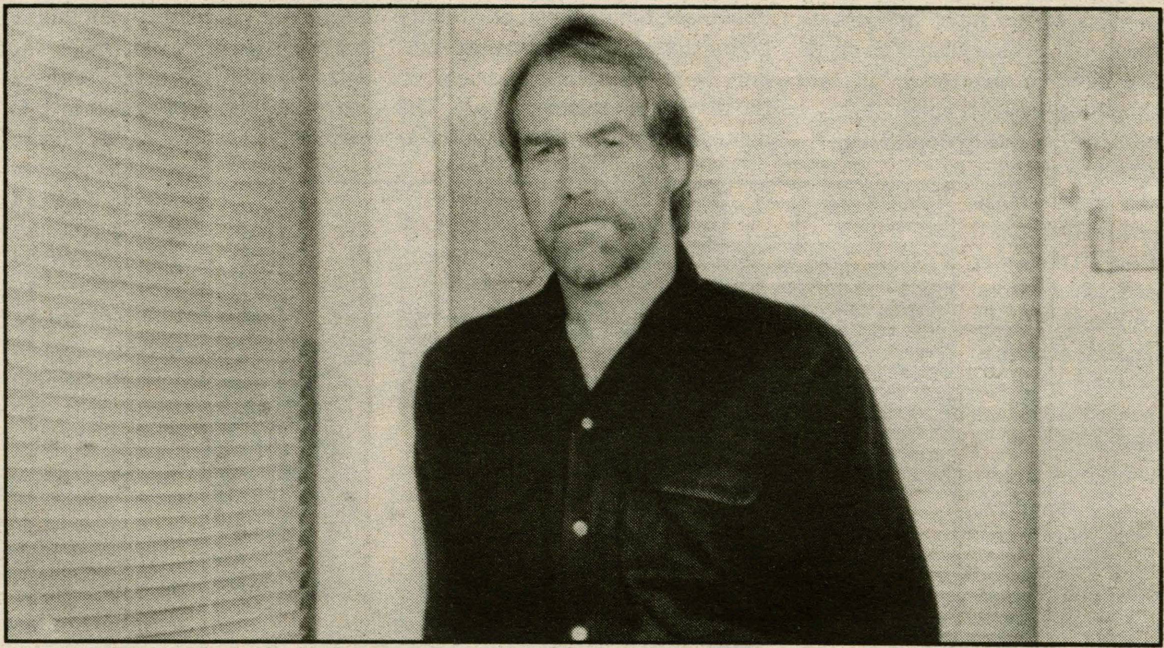
Dave Mallet to visit "This Town"of Clinton

A concert with Dave Mallett is said to be as comfortable as a well-known flannel shirt. This veteran singer/songwriter will perform at the Kirkland art Center Coffeehouse on Friday February 10, his first appearance at the Central new York music series. Opening for Mallett is the Utica area's popular Irish balladeer, Vincent Colgan. The program starts at 7:30 p.m.



Dave Mallet

Mallett's live performances have been met with critical acclaim at concerts, festivals and folk clubs across the country. His recently released album "This Town" is his seventh and his songs have been recorded by such artists as Pete Seeger, Kathy Mattea, Emmylou Harris, Peter, Paul and Mary and even the Muppets. His rich, warm baritone voice and poetic lyrics speak of life in fast-changing small towns.

Dave Mallett began singing with his brother in Maine at the age of eight. Later, at local country fairs, grange halls and school auditoriums, and as soon as he finished his final year of college he began following his dream of being a professional musician. His talent of combining lyrics and beautifully crafted melodies was recognized in 1978, and he recorded his first album with the help of Paul Stookey, of Peter, Paul and Mary fame.

He has appeared at the New York's Bottom Line, the Barns at Wolftrap, and his music has been featured on all major television networks and cable's Arts and Entertainment as well as the Nashville Network. His "Garden Song," has been recorded by a variety of artists, including John Denver, and in different languages and styles. A children's book based on the song is being released by Harper Collins. When not touring, Mallett and his family alternate living between Maine and Nashville.

Vincent Colgan is an annual regular KAC Coffeehouse where he performs his extensive collection of Irish songs collected from frequent visits to his homeland.

The Kirkland Art Center is located in East Park Row in downtown Clinton. Tickets are $9 and may be purchased in advance or, if available, at the door. For further information, phone 853-8871.

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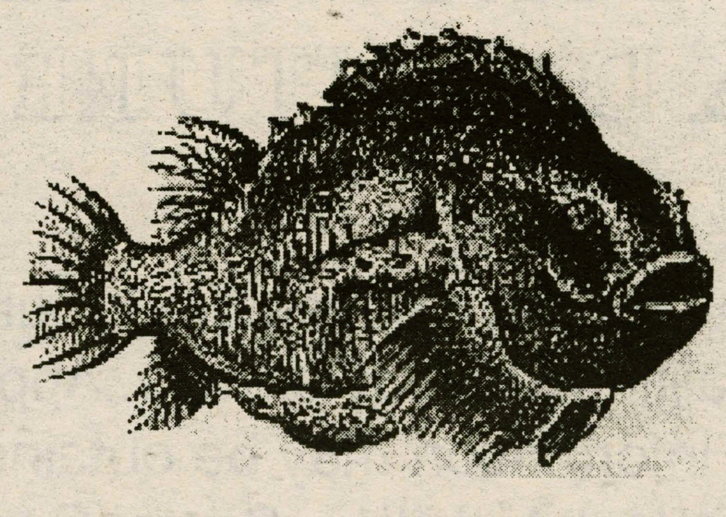

Fishing for some answers?

If you are applying for a 1995 Orientation Leader position, we encourage you to attend one of the following information sessions:

- Sunday, February 12, 7:30–8:30PM, Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village
- Tuesday, February 13, 8:30–9:30PM, Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village

We'll explain the selection process, give you an overview of New Student Orientation at Hamilton, and answer any questions about the Orientation Leader position or the program as a whole. Applications will be available on site. We hope to see you there!

Arts & Entertainment

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The Barber Shop, original fiction for A&E

By Nathaniel Faxon '97
A&E Guest Writer

"Just a trim, you say?"

"That's right, sir. Please, just a trim." The boy looked at me like I was gonna shave his head.

"You got nothing to worry about boy, I know what good looks mean to a guy at your age." I angled his head and heard the bells jingle on the door of my shop as I began the simple cut.

Good evenin' Charlie Flashton."

I recognized the voice without turning my back. "Howdy, Donny."

"Listen, I got my relatives comin' in tomorrow and I'm wonderin' if you could give me a little touch-up before you close the shop tonight. What d'ya say?"

"Well, I'm real busy tonight. Donny or I'd do it in a sec, you know that."

"Not a problem, Charlie, I'll just stop by early in the mornin'. Hey, where's Frank?"

"That's the reason I got to finish up early. I got to get over to the hospital to see him. His heart's givin' him trouble again."

"Oh! sounds bad. Well, give him my best, and I'll see ya tomorrow."

"Thanks again Donny, I'll see ya later." the bells jingled again and I turned back to the mirror where the boy's eyes were staring at me all confused."

"Who's Frank, Mr. Flashton?"

"Well, boy, Frank's the best darn friend I got in this town. You see that rockin' chair over by the window? He's been sitting in that chair for the past six years since he retired from his store. He never went home that much, cause he couldn't take too much of his wife."

"Why not?"

"Oh, geez. Boy, if you knew Miss Gladice you wouldn't want to spend more than one half of one hour with her. Some people have the patience for her, like my dear Kate did, before she made her journey up to heaven. But I sure as hell don't, and neither really does Frank.

Turn your head, that's right.

On Sunday nights we'd gather at the O'Neills to play cards and Gladice always had some bone to pick. On one occasion, Miss O'Neill returned from the hospital. We hadn't seen her since the operation. Frank and I never cared for Bonnie O'Neill, yet she had breast implants and all kinds of structuring going on so that it was nearly impossible not to look at her. So, of course, Gladice jumped at Frank for gawking at those monstrous things and started screaming at him right during the game. After a while nobody ever listened.

"Thankfully my Kate was not so rude. We cared a whole lot for each other. When we walked home after cards on those Sunday nights, instead of yapping at the table like Gladice, she'd quietly lean over and ask me if I still loved her. And I'd say, "Of course I do my sunshine. I've never stopped since that first day I saw her struggling with that locker." She always gave me that honey sweet smile every time I said those words and I knew that's al she ever wanted to hear.

"Anyway, Kate left us around the same time Frank retired and gave his son the business. So, he's been sittin' in that chair ever since, reading the paper and chattin' with me while I chop away. God knows what the hell I'm goin' to do if Frank leaves me, probably play cards with Gladice. I swear, that son-of-a-bitch better not leave me in this world alone. Kate left me and now if their gonna take Frank away from me, I got no reason to be here either. Geez, listen to me, I'm gettin' all choked up for nothing."

"I'm sorry, Mr. Flashton, I didn't mean..."

"It's not your fault, boy. Besides I like talkin' about Frank. It reminds me of all the good times we've had together. Turn to the left. Now don't move cause I'm cleaning up the hair around you ears.

Poetry Selections by David Broad '98

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Succubi swift
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Pork awry
dripping lymph limp
tail feather shedding DEATH
with Pork

A Peculiar Imp isonme
boxed bathed B:raised
And wounded by failure
WanderLust see King
Edward without familiar
wounds

Orpheus

Violent pulpy silk
fires an odor
a felid stench that commands
dwarfing my mobile existence

violent pulpy silk
I want to make you sneeze

My plastic sage
shot, immersed in stupidity
crying lithium in nine volts
Replay me
force my cousin to toss his dagger
and tickle the hammer, anvil and stirrup
I await your chaos, magnetic and teething
I await your knowledge, magnetic and packaged

An update from the Acoustic Coffeehouse

Rounder recording artist Vance Gilbert is a daring new voice in contemporary acoustic music. With a voice full of charm, soul, melodic richness, and depth, he has burst upon the scene with a power, force and assurance nearly unheard of in the acoustic world. He has drawn encores opening for acts as diverse as Mary-Chapin Carpenter and Aretha Franklin. Vance is "...a total entertainer playing pop jazz on acoustic guitar. His voice and songwriting are a breath of fresh air to the acoustic music scene." "The only thing predictable about a Vance Gilbert performance is that the audience will have a good time."

Ned Landin, a.k.a. Flathead has been performing his special brand of acoustic folk/rock and blues in venues from coffeehouses and concert halls to inner city street corners and parks. His extensive ramblings have taken him from Barcelona to Bâton Rouge, New York, Paris, Syracuse, San Francisco, Boise and Boston.

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Tuesday, February 14 @ The Chapel, 8:00pm
A Multifaith Celebration of
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for persons affected with HIV/AIDS

Wednesday, February 15 @ Red Pit, 9:00pm
Remember My Name
The documentary film about the making of the AIDS Quilt

Thursday, February 16 @ Cafe Opus, 4:00pm
Join the Peer Advisors for a
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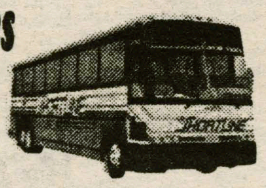

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Calendar & Movies

10 *Friday*

7:30 **Film: <u>The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, & Her Lover</u>**. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson.*$

7:30 **Large Group Meeting.** Sponsored by the Inervarsity Christian Fellowship. Schambach 201.

8:00 **Senior Recital.** Christine Shuart, soprano; Colleen Roberts Pellman, piano. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.

9:00 **Concert.** "Dracula Jones." Sponsored by CAB. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

11 *Saturday*

7:30 **Film: <u>The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, & Her Lover</u>.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

12 *Sunday*

1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

2:00 **Discussion: Diversity in the Black Community.** Joseph Dorsey. Sponsored by the Black and Latin Student Union. Afro Latin Center.

7:30 **Film: <u>The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, & Her Lover</u>.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

13 *Monday*

11:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Carl Dreyer, Day of Wrath.** (Denmark '43). Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *

7:00 **Lecture: Life experiences with HIV "Marks tell us his story."** Sponsored by the Health Center. Red Pit. (Donations will be accepted-proceeds will go to Endavor.)

9:00 **GLBSA Weekly Meeting.** Keehn 2 floor Lounge.

14 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

5:30 **Chinese Table.** Room 104, McEwen.

8:00 **"Following Darwin's Footsteps: Observations of a Biologist in the Galapagos in 1994."** Sue Ann Miller, Biology. Sponsored by AAUP Journal Club. Assembly Room at B.C.C.

8:00 **Multifaith Celebration of Life and Remebrance for Persons Affected with AIDS/HIV.** Sponsored by the Chapel Board. Chapel.

15 *Wednesday*

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Orson Welles, Citizen Kane.** (USA "41). Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *

4:00 **Open Meeting.** Discuss College Goals 3 & 4 (Cultural Diveristy & Ethical Issure.) Sponsored by CAP. Red Pit, Kirner-Johnson Building.

4:15 **Workshop.** "How Do We Serve Our Community?" James Wallis. Sponsored by HAVOC. Chapel

7:00 **Lecture.** "The Soul of Politics." James Wallis. Sponsored by the Chaplaincy. Chapel.

9:00 **Film.** Documentary Film for AIDS Awareness week. "Remember My Name" (about the making of the AIDS quilt). Sponsored by Peer Advising Program. Red Pit, Kirner-Johnson Building.

16 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

4:00 **Discussion: Safer Sex Workshop-video and discussion addressing safer sex practice.** Sponsored by Peer Advising. Coffee House.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Little Women 6:35, 9:20
Houseguest 7:10, 9:35
Dumb & Dumber 7:20, 10
Murder in the 1st 7, 9:50
Legend of the Fall 6:40, 9:40
Nobody's Fool 6:50, 9:25
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Disclosure 6:45, 9:45
Fare From Home 7:05
Pulp Fiction 9:30

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Little Women 2, 7, 9:30

Up Town 797-0020

The Lion King 7
Street Fighter 7, 9:30
Speechless 7, 9:30
The Santa Clause 7, 9:30

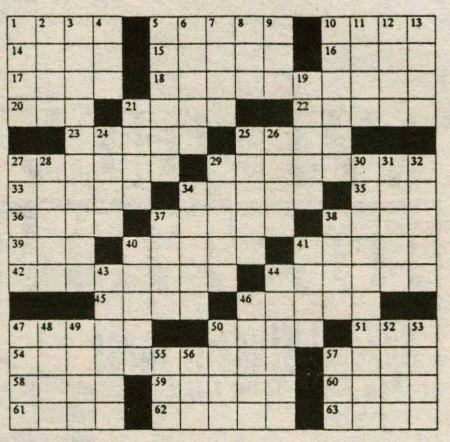
On Campus

The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & Her Lover
Fri.,Sat,. Sun,. @7:30, 10:00

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Weekly Crossword

" What's in a Name ? " — By Gerry Frey



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5 Daddies
10 Rip
14 Spoken
15 Computer letter
16 Calif. college
17 Small rodents
18 *Towel salesgirl ?*
20 Large deer
21 Forbids
22 Circles of light
23 Whiskers
25 Word with green or yellow
27 Conducted in planned stages
29 *Fresh air guy ?*
33 Word with calendar or numeral
34 " ______ in a name ?"
35 Large coffee pot
36 Distinctive doctrines
37 Long lock of hair
38 Used car guarantee
39 Bishop's jurisdiction
40 Swindle
41 Get up
42 *Southern sister ?*
44 Most faithful
45 Dobbin's supper
46 5 in a prescription
47 Transpire
50 Belonging to us
51 Extraterrestrial obj.
54 *Barbecue host ?*
57 Necklines
58 Wind instrument
59 Mountain crest
60 Ringlet of hair
61 Presage
62 Guide
63 Gambling town

DOWN
1 Vatican locale
2 Seed pod
3 *Construction worker ?*
4 Pub offering
5 Explosive case
6 Prayer endings
7 Standard golf scores
8 Melody
9 Crafty
10 New Orleans University
11 Environmental science:Abbrev
12 Lowest female voice
13 Cheerleaders exhortations
19 Burns
21 Well:French
24 Botanist Grey and others
25 Wild party:Slang
26 Newts
27 3 sided object
28 Book of the Bible
29 Toward the front
30 *Line up gal ?*
31 ______cross
32 Beginning
34 Small song birds
37 "What's _____ you say ?"
38 "Give him __ ___ for his money"
40 Mr. Kent
41 Mr. Onassis and others
43 "Be all that __ __ be"
44 Kathleen ______
46 Repeat verbatim
47 Eight:Combining form
48 Pal
49 Raise to the 3rd power
50 Curved molding
52 Seedless plant
53 Norway's capital
55 Existed
56 Craft
57 TV accessory

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Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

Personals

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAFFE!
Sorry it's late but it's the best I could do! Hope Monday was the best because you deserve it! Wait up for me tonight!
-Love, Your Drinking Buddy

High in Protein-
No more Big O, Vitamin C or Special K. What's next?
-PPK

Welcome QB and Ali-
I'm so glad you're here this weekend.
-Love Nan

Dear Moe-
Don't make me come to your house! I figure you need a good laugh. Don't worry be happy. Please speak to me again.
-Smile :)

Dear Jean, Tif, Moe, Hilda, Nicole, & José-
Thanks so much for being great friends. Happy V-Day.
-Love Josie

Megan-
Happy Valentine's Day!
-Love Me

Norman-
Thanks for helping me in my sleep! Maybe some day I will be healthy and not drive you nuts! Keep happy, get some rest and know that I love you!
-T.A.

Leandre-
Hey, just in case I'm too lazy to get you a card-HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! If that doesn't warm your heart, I don't know what will!
-Love Me

To all the Me's-
Happy Valentine's from your "others"
-The World

To the one who missed the Louvre,
The Red Nebula in the galaxy Olesupon will collapse in 3 micro-seconds.
-Your fellow O.142857xhebdomadal Taurus Chief

Answers to last week's crossword puzzle

FAREWELL 1994

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Spectator Sports

Women's Swimming and Diving sink Swarthmore, finish dual meet season

By Nadia Fuller '98
Sports Staff Writer

The last dual meet of the 1994-1995 women's swimming and diving season ended victoriously. The Continentals, now with a record of 8-2, crushed opponent Swarthmore in a sweeping 155 to 98 win.

Triple winners for the meet were Maura Gorman '98, Anne Griffin '96 and Marianne Steen '97. Gorman took first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.44 and won the 200 yard backstroke in 2:16.95. Earlier in the meet, Gorman teamed up with Christy Weston '97, Wendy Marrs '97, and Anne Griffin '96 to swim to first place in the 200 yard medley relay. Griffin went on to take first in the 50 yard free with a time of 25.18 and first in the 200 yard free relay. Steen proved to be a powerhouse in the freestyle events, as she was a member of the winning 200 yard free relay and individually won the 100 yard free in 56.90. In the 200 yard free, Steen tied with teammate Tina Tynan '98 for first place, both finishing with a time of 2:03.91.

Other Continental swimmers had successful races as well. Top five finishers for the team include: co-captain Maura Dalton '95; 1st 200 fly, 1st 100 fly, Weston; 1st 200 MR, 1st 100 breast, 2nd 200 breast, Wendy Marrs '97; 1st 200 MR, 2nd 50 free, 2nd 100 fly, 1st 200 FR, Tynan; 1st 200 free, 3rd 200 fly, 3rd 200 MR, co-captain Kate Quick '95; 1st 500 free, 3rd 50 free, 2nd 200 IM, 1st 200 FR, Lisa Horner '98; 1st 200 breast, 3rd 100 breast, 3rd 200 MR, Leslie Allen, '97; 2nd 100 back, 3rd 200 MR, 5th 50 free, Barbara Josey '98; 2nd 200 FR, 3rd 200 MR, 4th 100 free, Liz Sichol '96; 1st 1000 free, Heather Wayne, '97; 2nd 100 free, 3rd 1000 free, Beth Neary '97; 4th 1000 free, Nadia Fuller '98; 2nd 200 FR, 3rd 200 free, 5th 500 free, Beth Nolan '97; 2nd 500 free, Sarah Young '98; 2nd 200 FR, 3rd 500 free, 4th 200 free, Danielle Hawes '98; 4th 200 MR, 5th 200 back, Lynn Separk '96; 3rd 200 back, 5th 100 back, Alicia Rasmussen, '98; 4th 200 MR, 4th 200 breast, 4th 100 breast, Val Gorra '97; 4th 200 MR, 5th 200 fly, 5th 100 fly, and Stephanie Reynolds '96; 2nd 200 FR, 4th 200 MR.

After hearing of the plethora of talent on the diving team through the aquatic Grapevine, the Swarthmore divers were too terrified to make the trip to Hamilton. It took much begging to find a team with enough gumption and drive to face theContinentals. Finally, Colgate University was persuaded to send a few divers over to test the Continental waters. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain the results of the diving competition, but we do know that in her diving debut, Stacey Kutish '98 successfully completed all her dives. Good luck at States, divers!

As it was their last duel meet, senior co-captains Kate Quick and Maura Dalton were recognized on Saturday for their four year commitment to the Women's team. Their leadership throughout the season, stellar pool performances, and uplifting support on the deck will be greatly missed next year.

The season is coming to a close with the State Championships less than a week away. The State meet will be held at Union College the weekend of February 16th - 18th. An exciting three days filled with many personal best times is expected. Take the scenic drive to Schenectady and come support your Continental swimmers!

Women's Hoops on fire

By Katie Scovin '97
Sports Staff Writer

The cross-town rivalry with Utica College was renewed last night as Hamilton Women's Basketball upped their win-streak to four games with a 55-44 victory. Defense was the key to this match and the Blue Women played as such. Kristin Pabis '96 started the Continentals off with a bang, leading to the foward's team highs of 14 points and 10 rebounds. Guard Amy Estes '98 gave the team a great 12 minutes off the bench with Beth Petrusa hustling throughout the first half and Ashley Merriman really showing her stuff in the second.

Netting a team high of 22 points, foward Tootie Loffredo'95 was the highlight of a recent (72-56) meeting with SUNY Utica. Merriman also led the team with 8 rebounds.

Coach Don Crist gave some insight into the recent run of success, "the last few games we've really controlled the tempo," as he enthusiastically adds, "we don't know who the contribution is going to come from on any given day, but we know it's coming — this is a good thing."

Saturday's battle against Elmira College proved just this point. Fallen behind by 12, the Continentals bounded back, again with help from Petrusa. Despite a strong start Blue lost their advantage, with 2 minutes left in the first quarter — an advantage not to be convincingly regained again. Two runaway baskets by Elmira compounded by an award of 2 shots brought the score to (60-61) with just two seconds remaining — two seconds that Kate Ryan turned into a lifetime as her timely basket took the Continentals over the top with a final score of (62-61).

Crist specifically refers to the recent streak as "big for going into Williams. It gives us a little needed momentum." We can see a result of that monemtum in Margaret Bundy Scott Field House this Saturday, February 11 @6:00 p.m.

Sports Fans:

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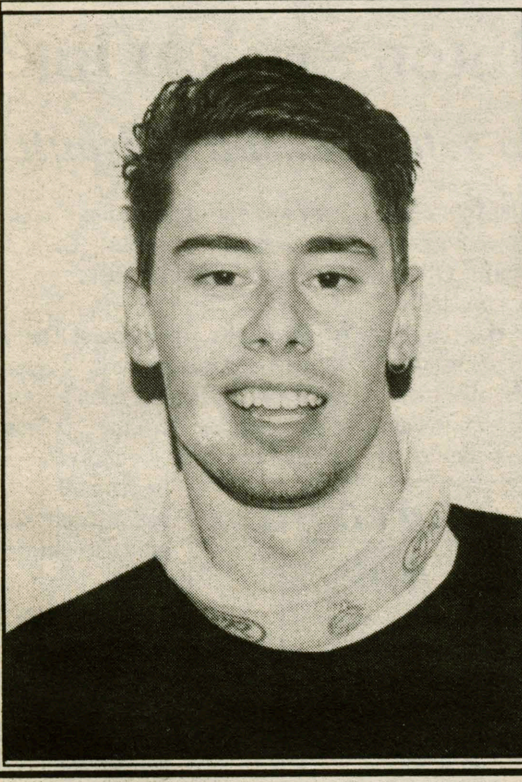


The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Joe Mucha

STATISTICS:

--2.2 goals against average

-.926 save percentage

--ECAC Rookie of Week

Joe Mucha '96, named ECAC Rookie of the Week, has been a dominant goalie for the Continental Hockey team this season. He has a 4-0 record allowing 2.20 goals per game. Joe played his finest game of the season on the Friday night, recording 36 saves in a 3-2 overtime victory over U-Mass Boston. Congratulations, Joe! You are the *Garden Cafe's Athlete of the Week.*.

The All New Garden Café Restaurant and Strider's Lounge, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, guarantees good food and great times. The Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Mon, Thurs-Sun. Tuesday hours are 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) - Call 853-4571.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Kristen Pabis

Kristen Pabis '97 scored 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Women's Basketball team against Utica on Tuesday, and 18 points and 8 rebounds against Lemoyne on Thursday. She continues to establish herself as a solid performer and is one of the main reasons for the recent upswing in th e Women's Basketball team. Way to go, Kristen!!

Cohen's Continental Corner: Interview with Tami Koch '96

BY BRIAN COHEN '96
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Ellen Hull of the women's track and field team describes Tami Koch '96 as "an exceptional team leader on and off the track." Tami has definitely established herself as a leader on the track with her strong finishes. On January 28th at the Hamilton Indoor Track Invitational, Tami broke two school records in the 600m and 1000m events with times of 1:43.18 and 3:10.22, respectively. On February 4th, Tami finished the 800m with a school record and NYSWCAA Championship-qualifying time of 2:23.98.

In the classroom, Tami, a math major from Mastic, NY, continues to blaze a trail by making the Dean's List every semester. How does one balance a tough academic courseload and find success in three varsity sports? Fortunately, Tami was able to take a break from her busy schedule to offer her insight on the coexistence of athletics and academics at Hamilton.

Q: How long have you been running?

A: Since spring track of ninth grade and ever since then.

Q: Why did you start running?

A: One day over the loudspeaker there was an announcement about winter track and all my friends were doing it. And once I started, the coaches were asking me to run and I continued to do it.

Q: Did you have the same success in high school that you do here?

A: In high school I have five school records. Two individual records (800m and 1000m) and three relay school records.

Q: Why did you decide to go to Hamilton?

A:It came down to Hamilton, Cornell, Binghamton and Albany. I didn't want to go to a state school so it was between Hamilton and Cornell. But Cornell was way too big. Hamilton was a bit smaller than my high school which was kind of strange.

Q: What is the appeal of track?

A: I think mainly the competition. It is like a challenge. I don't enjoy practice as much but when it comes down to meet time it is just getting out there and knowing I'm going to try my best. I feel a sense of accomplishment every time I go out there if I run a record time. For the same reason I am a math major, I like those little challenges.

Q: How do you mentally prepare for each meet? Do you have any rituals or superstitions?

A: I don't have any superstitions. Before a race, I know what I want to do when I go out there. I know when I want to do my first lap, I know when I want to do my second lap. Normally what I have been doing lately is to go out in the back of the pack and no matter what happens to just pick it up from there. So lately, I have been going at a comfortable pace and just picking up each lap. Mentally I think that is better because I know each person I pass gives me that much more incentive and I think I run much better coming from behind. As far as preparing for it, I think that if I stay relaxed then I run better than if I think about it too much. Because if I think about it too much I put too much pressure on myself. I don't run well under pressure.

Q: What goes through your mind before each race?

A: Normally, I step up to the line and I look around and since I'm kind of short everyone's legs tower over mine and I look around and I'm kind of discouraged. I just think that I'm going to go out and compete and whatever happens — happens.

Q: What goes through your mind after each race?

A: Lately, every race I have run I have broken a school record. When I finish, people come running up to me because they know what the school record is and they know what my time is and say, "you have just broken another school record!" These are records that I came in and had run faster times in high school. In my freshman year coming in and being homesick, I didn't come close to what I was capable of doing. And last year I came closer to what I should have been doing but I still wasn't there So these records have been records that I wanted to break since I first came here. So finally this year it all came together. After every race so far, I have run a personal best and it makes me feel good.

Q: How do you see athletics and academics coexisting at Hamilton?

A: Running track and cross-country has definitely made me more conscious of time. Getting work done ahead of time is important. I know I have practice from 4 to 6 every day and then workstudy from 6 to 8. . . It just made me focus on academics more because I knew when I had to get things done I had to get them done. I didn't have the option of staying up all night to do work because I had to wake up the next morning for practice or a meet. It just gave me that sense of commitment to track and field and to academics at the same time.

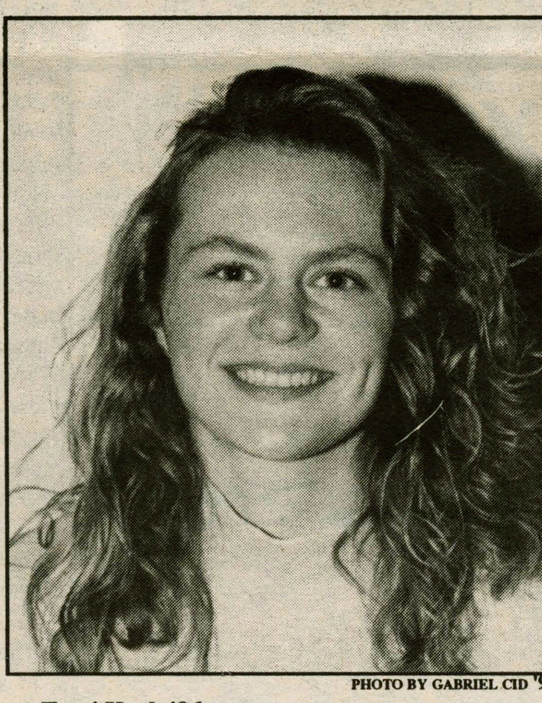


PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

Tami Koch '96

Q: What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

A: Breaking the school record in the 600m. I had run the 800m before. I knew I had run the time before as with the 1000m. And the 600m I ran for the first time last year and came within four seconds of the school record. I didn't run for the rest of the season. And this year I ran it once and during the race after the first 400m I had almost given up until my coach told me my cord had split and I knew I was still right on track to break the school record. And I think that was the toughest one. I didn't think I would get it but getting it really set me on pace for everything else.

Q: What do you consider to be your biggest disappointment?

A:My biggest disappointment was probably this past cross country season. I came in and ran over the summer for the first time ever and I was running much better than I ever have. Towards the middle and end of the season I kind of fell apart a little bit. I wasn't there when the team really needed me. I was there in the beginning but when it came down to the big meets I wasn't there. I think it was more mental than physical. I am more of a middle distance runner so by the time the middle of the three miles hit I am kind of out of it mentally. I think that was a big disappointment.

Q: To whom do you credit your success?

A: I think this year I definitely owe it to my coach because she and Jim [Serhant'95] have always been the ones who say I know you can run so much better than I have been doing. They say, "I know you can go out there and run a 2:18 or 2:20 with no problem." Even though I say that is what I want to do I never really believe I could do it. They have always been there and they've always given me confidence They have always reassured me that my goals are not too farfetched and I can definitely attain them.

Q: While participating on three varsity teams every year how are you able to make the Dean's List every semester?

A: I know I have to get my stuff done. I did the same thing I did in high school. I got my work done for when it needed to be done. I studied hard for when exams come around. I think I devote enough time to my school work. I don't spend 24 hours a day but I don't need to cram either. I am able to split my time between track, workstudy, friends, and school-work successfully.

Q: What is your perception of the non-attention that track receives?

A: It has never really bothered me much. I would rather have people out there watching because they enjoy it. It is great when we have spectators and friends out there cheering us on but when there aren't many people out there the rest of the team cheers us on just as much as 100 people out there.

Q: Do you have any other interests, activities, or hobbies?

A: To be honest I really don't have much time for anything else. I am definitely interested in drawing and painting and I have taken that here. I was always interested in art in high chool. I even considered being an art major.

Q: What is your definition of the perfect Hamilton athlete?

A: The perfect Hamilton athlete would have to be one with a lot of talent. It depends more on how committed you are to the sport. How devoted you are to the team is more important than how well you perform. . . I would be just as happy if I ran my best every time and put in my best effort than breaking three school records. People out there who aren't breaking school records but are competing just as hard everyday I think that is just as good.

Q: What do you think of your season so far?

A: I am definitely pleased. Every race I have run so far I have done better than I did last year. I think coming in with a stronger start than I had last year just gave me more confidence for the rest of the season.

Q: What are your career aspirations after Hamilton?

A: I am not planning to go to graduate school right away. I am hoping to find a job with an investment bank or maybe actuary work with an insurance firm. Then after two or three years, maybe I will go on to graduate school to get an MBA.

Spectator Sports

The Spectator February 10, 1995

This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Basketball		Union 8:00 p.m.					
Women's Basketball		Williams 6:00 p.m.			Albany 7:00 pm.		New Paltz 7:00 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey	Bowdoin 7:30 pm.	Colby 3:00 p.m.					
Men's Squash		Vasser/ Tufts 12::30 p.m.				University of Rochester 4:00 p.m.	
Women's Squash		Vassar/ F & M 11:00 a.m.					
Swimming							NYSWCAA Union TBA
Track & Field	Ithaca, RPI, Brockport 1:00						

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Sam Walker *Spectator Sports Editor*	Brian Cohen *Associate Sports Editor*	Trip MacCracken *Associate Sports Editor*	Matt Roventini Junior *Guest #1*	Jason Lizio Junior *Guest #2*
	Last Week: 6-7 To date: 21-17	Last Week: 5-8 To date: 19-19	Last Week: 8-5 To date: 21-17	Last Week's Guest *Kevin Larson '97* 6-7	Last Week's Guest *Jeff Kingsley '97* 9-4
NCAA					
BC at St. Johns 2/11	St. Johns	St. Johns	St. Johns	St. Johns	St. Johns
Wake Forest at Duke 2/11	Wake Forest	Duke	Wake Forest	Duke	Wake Forest
Michigan at Wisconsin 2/11	Wisconsin	Michigan	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Washington
Florida St. at Maryland 2/11	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Florida St.
Alabama at LSU 2/11	LSU	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	LSU
Oklahoma at Kansas 2/11	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
Kansas St. at Colorado 2/11	Colorado	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.
UNC at Georgia Tech 2/12	UNC	Georgia Tech	UNC	UNC	UNC
Purdue at Indiana 2/12	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
Louisville at Temple 2/12	Temple	Louisville	Temple	Temple	Louisville
UConn at Syracuse 2/12	UConn	UConn	UConn	UConn	UConn
Mich. St. at Penn St. 2/12	Michigan St.	Penn St.	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Penn St.
Cal. at Arizona 2/12	Cal.	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Cal.

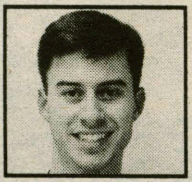
If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Will Clinton Strike Out?

Pres tries to settle baseball dispute

In The NBA: File under future reference: In their three meetings this season, Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal has averaged 40 points and 14 rebounds, while the Knicks' Patrick Ewing has averaged 26 points and 7 rebounds. With numbers like those, O'Neal will go a long way toward helping the Magic win their first playoff game... For all of the missed practices coming from the New Jersey Nets, there have not been any suspensions while General Manager Willis Reed has been in charge. Makes you wonder who's really running that show... After telling the league to "go to hell" on several occasions because of All-star and post-season award snubs, Nuggets' center Dikembe Mutombo was finally named to the All-Star game to replace Laker forward Cedric Ceballos, whose injury was caused (unintentionally, I assume) by Mutombo himself. The irony in Mutombo's situation is almost poetic... Youth movement: Nine of the 12 Dallas Mavericks players were not even born when Coach Dick Motta coached his first NBA game on October 15, 1968... It would appear that the Suns' loss of Danny Manning to a torn knee ligament would destroy their championship hopes, especially with guard Kevin Johnson struggling as he is. My finals prediction has not changed, though. Charles Barkley says that without Manning the Suns are still better than they were last year. He cites the additions of Elliot Perry and Wayman Tisdale... As promised, my Finals winner: Drum roll, please. Knicks over the Suns, 6 games. I must admit that last week I believed Phoenix would win, but due to the loss of Manning, I am now going with the Knicks. For Patrick, it's now or never...

Scorecard



Trip MacCracken

In the NCAA: Maryland's victory over #1 North Carolina Tuesday night demonstrates that this team has real talent. At least at home, anyway. Maryland, which beat North Carolina at home, is now 13-0 at College Park. If they played the tournament in Maryland, then we're talking about a Final Four team here... Meanwhile, the parity in this year's college hoops season makes things very interesting. Each week, another Top 10 team gets knocked off. Recently, UNC, Michigan State, and UMass have all been upset. At this point, no team has a decided advantage in the race for the national championship... Mr. Consistency: After scoring a career-high 32 points in a Syracuse win over Providence Wednesday night, Syracuse guard Lawrence Moten needs only 65 points to pass Chris Mullin, Terry Dehere, and Dana Barros as the all-time leading scorer in the Big East. Moten is also 21 points shy of passing Derrick Coleman to become Syracuse's all-time leading scorer... The Countdown begins: Only 34 days until March Madness...

In Baseball: Once again, Darryl Strawberry violated his drug agreement with the league. After his subsequent release from the San Francisco Giants, Strawberry's career is in jeopardy. He has also pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion, and faces jail time. Strawberry has been suspended from baseball for two months beginning April 2, but he has more to worry about than baseball at this point... With spring training fast approaching (only 6 days until camps open), the necessity of finding a compromise is growing. Before long, players will realize that they'll make more playing under a salary cap than they will by not playing. I guess the players will realize that when the owners understand that their absurd spending practices are at the root of this dilemma in the first place... I'm all for getting baseball back on track, but aren't there bigger issues for Clinton to worry about these days?...

Quotables: ESPN's Peter Gammons says that the strike will hurt baseball in the long run. Oh, really... And why is that? "A significant part of baseball's fan base follows statistics, and two consecutive partial seasons will do irreparable harm." Sure, Peter, blame it on those rotisserie geeks... Newt Gingrich, famous author-to-be, shows that his priorities differ, not surprisingly, from those of our President: "I think that between balanced budget, welfare reform, Medicaid reform, trying to get a budget passed, et cetera, I'm not sure Congress is the right place to try to organize the national pastime." Newt, I agree with you, but I think that book you're writing will take up some time, too... Colorado Rockies owner Jerry McMorris says that the baseball season will go on regardless of the strike. "There is no question that the season will start. The question is who the players will be."... Charles Barkley, offering his Yogi Berra-esque view of talk radio: "I don't like shows where one guy says something positive and one says something negative. You can't win if you have one saying something stupid and the other saying something stupid." I guess you've ruled out the possibility of either one saying something intelligent, huh Charles?... And finally, more Barkley: After being ejected on Tuesday, Barkley opined on referee Hank Armstrong, who did the ejecting: "He made a stupid call, and it will be stupid till the day he dies. He's stupid Hank. That's his nickname. It was a bogus call. But we're all human." That's it, Charles, forgive and forget...

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My Two Cents

Athletes deserve a break

By Samuel M. Walker
SPORTS EDITOR

Hamilton athletes do not receive many benefits. The majority of varsity athletes spend upwards of 25 hours a week on their particular sport. Some sports, such as swimming and football, require their athletes to practice at 6:00 a.m.. Furthermore, two-a-day practices are not an uncommon practice for certain teams. What do Hamilton athletes get for all this hard work?

ALL Hamilton athletes are forced to abide by the same standards as other students with regard to physical education requirements. Here is a refresher course in the P.E. requirements: students are required to take three physical education classes, in sports such as golf, tennis, volleyball, and skating. Hamilton students can pass out of two of these classes by demonstrating proficiency in them. In addition, students must pass a swimming test and a fitness test. Moreover, if Continentals go on the Adirondack Adventure trip before their first year, this exempts them from one physical education class.

The Department of Physical Education states that the intent of the physical education requirement is to provide students with activities which they will be able to use for the rest of their life. The goal is to force students who would otherwise never participate in athletics to learn **alife-long** activity.

The intentions of the athletic department are right on target. Non-varsity athletes should learn new sports.

However, the fact that athletes are put on the same level as the rest of the student body in regard to physical education requirements is outrageous. Most people would argue that playing a sport should exempt an athlete from one requirement. Thus, if the varsity athlete is able to pass out of two sports, they would be exempt from all three of the classes. I contend that athletes should be exempt from all three of the requirements. However, I believe the fitness and swimming tests should remain in place. These are necessary even for the varsity athlete.

I believe that by forcing athletes to take these physical education classes, the athletic department is providing an injustice to the athlete. The reasons behind this are as follows. First, if the athlete takes the required class during his or her sport, this can put a burden on his athletic performance. Moreover, why should athletes have to deal with juggling their athletic endeavors, when they already have to struggle with juggling their academic workload with the sports? Mind you, when all is said and done, an athlete can spend up to 25 hours a week on their sport. And let's not forget the sheer physical expenditure that athletes are making.

My situation with P.E. requirements and playing a sport (Tennis) will hopefully shed light on exactly what I am hypothesizing. Last winter I had not completed my requirements. Having passed two sports already, I needed to take a class before the end of sophomore year, knowing that I wanted to go away in my junior year.. Now, I realize I should have taken the class much earlier. But everytime I signed up, I always had a conflict. Still, this is by no means an adequate excuse.

While I wasn't taking the gym class in the heart of my tennis season, it was during tryouts. Regardless of the fact that it was only twice a week for a hour, it still was an added burden to my schedule. In small ways, it affected both my academic and athletic performances.

I believe situations like mine should not be necessary for an athlete. For athletes to worry about such requirements is outrageous.

The Adirondack Adventure exemption is an example which shows the unfair treatment that athletes receive in regards to the P.E. requirements. Students who go on Adirondack Adventure, a four day excursion into the woods, receive automatic exemption from one physical education class. Thus, adventurers have the opportunity to be completely exempt from all physical education classes, that is if they have the skills to pass out of two activities. This makes sense, huh!. An athlete who spends upwards of 25 hours a week doesn't receive any benefits in terms of exemption, yet a student who pays for a four-day trip to be at one with nature does.

The point of the physical education requirements is to force a student who otherwise would not enter the athletic department to learn a life-long activity. Now, I believe for this purpose our school is providing a quality service. However, when dealing with varsity athletes who already are an integral part of Hamilton athletics, mandatory physical education classes are ludicrous. Exempting varsity athletes from all P.E. classes is the natural solution. For athletes, this would be a well deserved reward.

IM Hoops "A" League Standings

HOOPS

1.	Violators	5-0
2.	Big Head Ted	4-1
3.	Tavern II	4-1
4.	Meat	4-1
5.	DaBricks	3-2
6.	DKE Satchmos	2-3
7.	Tavern I	1-4
8.	Wombats	1-4

HOOPS

Important matches loom ahead for Men's Squash team, face Rochester and Vassar

By Mark Lilienthal '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Hamilton Men's squash team awaits their most important matches of the season in the upcoming weeks. The team currently hovers below the .500 mark, and the members of the team are eager to improve their record. However, the first chance to do that was a cancelled game against Hobart. Hamilton has now had a two week layoff from competition between their last opponent, Colgate, and Wednesday's formidable opponent, Rochester. When Hamilton takes the court Wednesday at home against Rochester, it is more than an intrastate rivalry. Rochester has an excellent squash team, with this year's squad ranking among the top fifteen in the nation.

After next week's important match-up, Hamilton travels to Vassar in Poughkeepsie, NY for the state championships. Most schools will be represented, including athletic powerhouses like Rochester and Cornell. If the Continentals fare well in this tournament, they may well be on there way to the Nationals the following weekend. But in order to get there, the team needs to have a .500 record. Things are heating up and the results should be interesting to watch.

Rob Carrigg '95, commented that the team has "primarily focused on conditioning and ladder challenge matches" during the two week hiatus from matches. Carrigg emphasized the need for conditioning for week-end tournaments, where players will compete in five matches in two days. As he put it, "by the last match, some of us are exhausted." But apparently that is changing with first year coach Eric Allenson at the helm. He has introduced a serious work ethic during practice, and the results are showing. Doug Prezzano '97 is solidly playing at the number one spot, and Mark Mijangos '97 is making a steady climb up the ladder. In short, this team is youthful, talented, and should be closely monitored for the remainder of the season. Wish them luck in the states...and maybe the Nationals!

Trivia Time

Send entries in Campus Mail to Spectator Sports. The first correct entry received will win 4 Utica Blizzard tickets.

It's not about winning the prize, it's all about beating Sam Walker!

Last Week: Out of 7 entries received, the winner was Kevin Larson '97! Congrats!!

1. 0
2. Bobby Hurley
3. French Open
4. Nick Anderson

This Week's Questions:

1. Which NCAA Men's Division I Basketball team has led in attendance every year since 1977?
2. Who scored the most points in a NCAA Men's Divi sion I Basketball tournament game?
3. Name the only baseball team that has had a team total of 300 or more stolen bases in one year?
4. Who is the all-time leading socrer for the Boston Celtics

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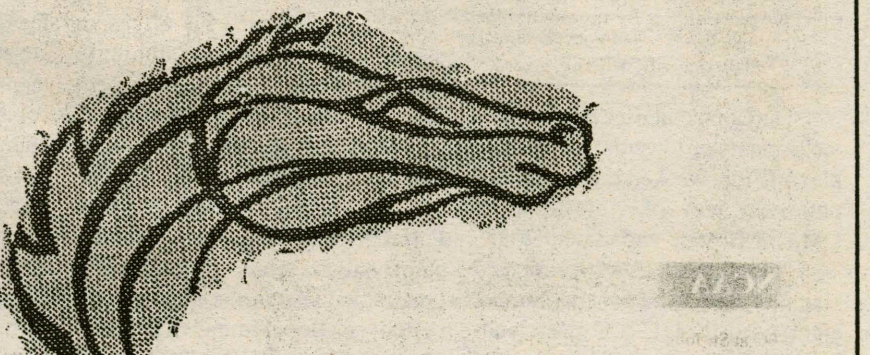

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Men's Basketball conquers Rochester 74-65; improves record to 14-5

By Mark Granovsky '98
Sports Staff Writer

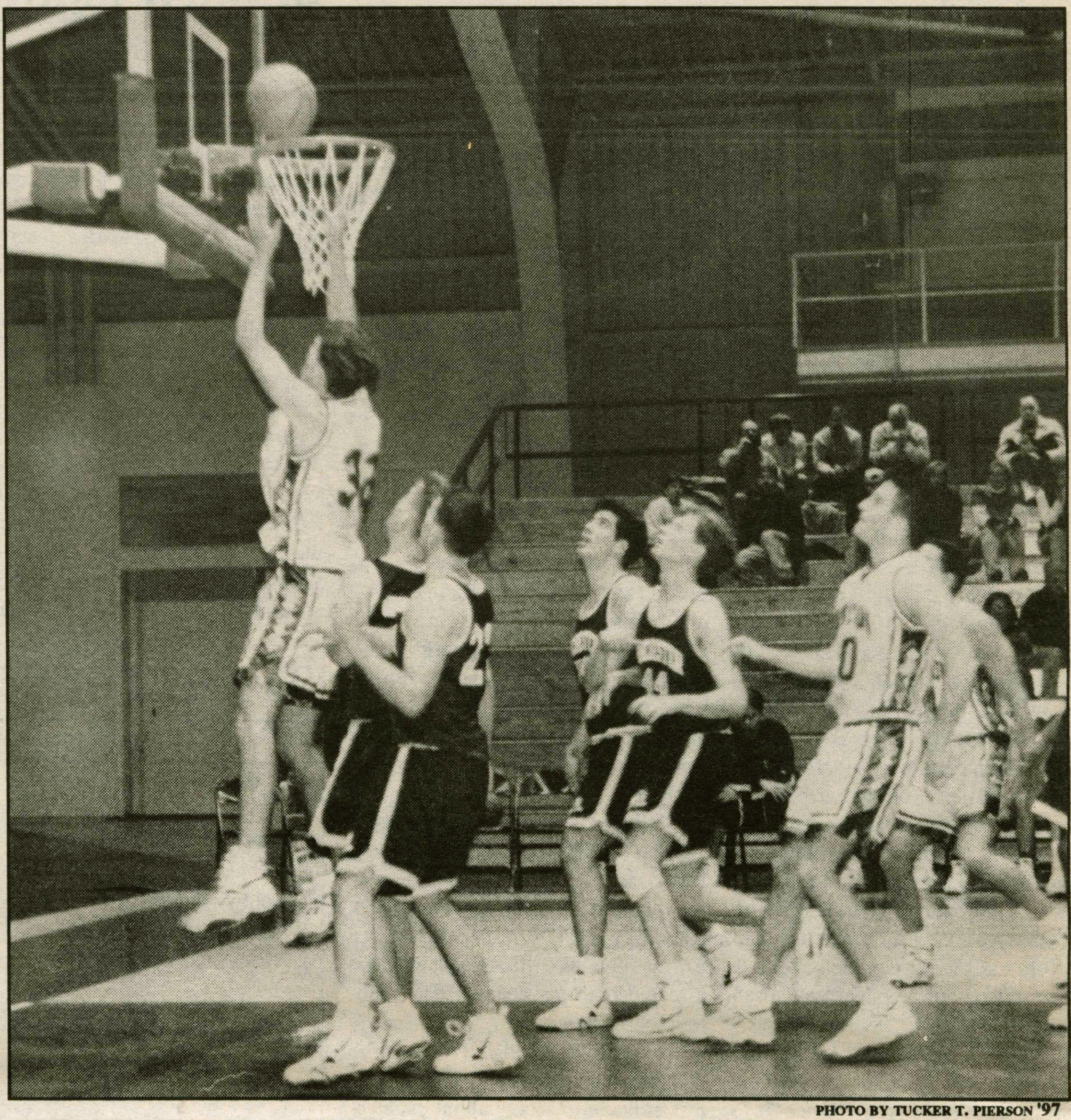
One of the nice things about sports is its "Will get 'em next time philosophy." The Rochester Yellowjackets thrashed Hamilton last year 103-84 on their way to a mediocre 11-14 record. The Continentals evened the score with a decisive 74-65 victory on Wednesday night over the Yellowjackets. Victory is sweet.

Hamilton needed this win after a tough defeat at the hands of Tufts, on Saturday, 101-93. Tufts entered the game with an excellent 12-2 record. The Continentals kept the game close with timely shots and good defense. Hamilton went 3-5 in three point shots and 11-14 in free throws. The score was 47-44 at halftime, and Hamilton felt confident going into the final half. Unfortunately, the Continentals went into a scoring drought for four minutes as the Jumbos went on a 14-0 run. The contributions of forwards Joe Mrozienski '96 (a season high 28 points, 19 rebounds in 32 minutes) and Matt Stowell '95 (14 points in 31 minutes) were not enough as Tufts scored a powerful 54 points in the second half. Guard Chad Onofrio '96 and forward Chris McMahon '95 led the offense for Tufts with 30 and 29 points respectfully.

Everything changed on Wednesday night. The evening was off to a great start with forward Erin McCann'95 awarded a prize basketball for scoring 1,000 points in his Hamilton career. The intimate crowd gave a well deserved ovation and was ready for the game. Rochester took the early lead 20-17 with eleven minutes left in the first half. However, this lead did not last as guard Scott Pace '96 threw a blistering pass to McCann; who scored a massive dunk bringing the crowd to its feet. Forward Stowell added two jumpers to give Hamilton a 36-32 lead at the half. McCann lead the Continentals with 10 points in the first half and guard Pace added six points on two three-pointers.

The second half was all the Continentals as they outscored Rochester 38-33 with 5/10 from three-point range. The Continentals developed leads of seven (5:33 to play) and ten points (3:47 to play) with critical shots. McCann flushed with adrenaline from the trophy ceremony scored 25 points with 9 rebounds to lead the Continentals. Pace, however, was Hamilton's offensive powerhouse (18 points, 7 assists in 35 minutes) with four three-pointers. Rochester-ranked seventh in the New York region-fell to 12-9 with the loss.

The team of Mzorienski and McCann lead the team in scoring (19.3 and 18.2 points per game) and rebounding (11.7 and 8.5). Pace leads in assists with 5.1 per game. Hamilton will host the Union Dutchmen this Saturday at 8:00 PM. Union went a solid 16-10 in 1993-94, including a victory against the Continentals 83-73. Let's hope the Continentals can even the score this Saturday.



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Erin McCann '95 scored a team high of 25 points in Wednesday night's impressive victory over the Rochester Yellowjackets.

Men's Hockey sweeps weekend road trip

By Rick Pizzo '96
Sports Staff Writer

The Continental ice hockey team took a giant step towards the E.C.A.C. playoffs this weekend, gaining four points by way of victories over UMASS-Boston and Salem State. The consecutive wins moved Hamilton into a tie for the number eight spot in the E.C.A.C. East standings.

Friday night's contest was a subpar effort by Hamilton, but one which nevertheless resulted in a 3-2 OT win. Brian Green's goal with 2:42 remaining in the extra frame ended the game, which was characterized by a slow tempo and numerous turnovers. Forward Dave Webb '98 got the Continentals on the board first with a hard working goal from in front of the net, but the lead was short lived. UMASS jumped back in front with two quick goals late in the first period to take a 2-1 lead heading into the intermission. Jeff Bradley '97 scored on a sharp wrist shot midway through the second period to tie the game at 2-2, and that was the end of scoring in regulation time. The best performances of the night were turned in by goaltenders Frank Stoletz of UMASS, and the Continentals' Joe Mucha '96. Stoletz ended with 49 saves and Mucha finished with 36, including several clutch stops in the latter stages of the game. Green '96 ended the game with a quick snapshot through a screen that slid under the pads of Stoletz.

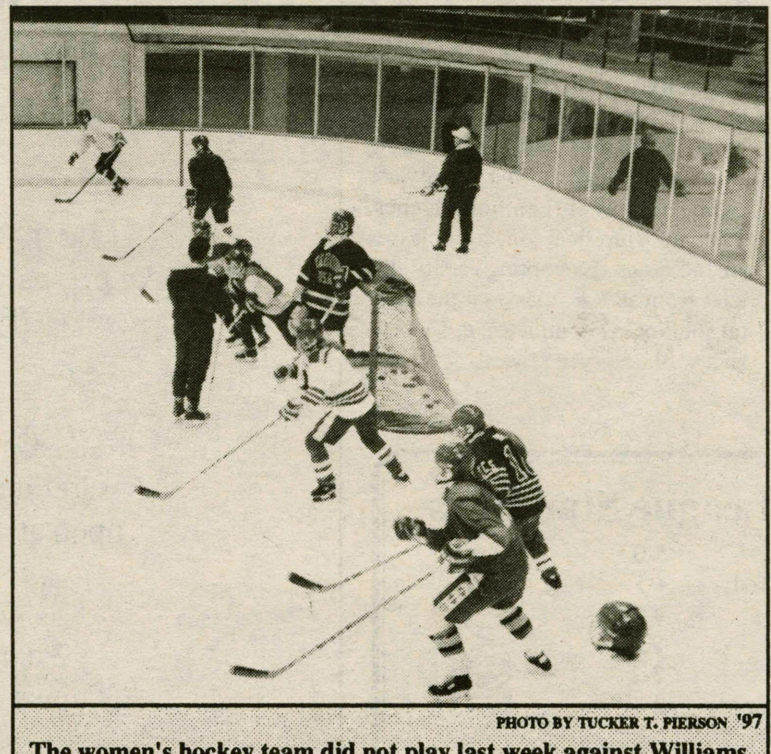
Green continued his offensive assault with two goals on Saturday to lead the Continentals past Salem State, 5-3. Hamilton drew first blood, as Sean Brady '96 threaded a beautiful pass to a streaking Gary Heenan '97, who beat goaltender Anthony Farrell high to the glove side for the shorthanded score. Hamilton increased the lead in the early second period, as Bob Simonds '95 fired home a Shawn Kelly '95 pass to make the score 2-0. Mucha had another strong performance, stopping 31 shots, including a breakaway save with 1:14 left in the game and Hamilton leading 4-3. Green's goals came late in the second and early in the third, and John Forbes '97 added an empty net goal to finish the scoring.

This weekend the team will play host to the Bowdoin Polar Bears and the Colby White Mules, a combination which head coach Phil Grady calls " our toughest back to back games of the year." Bowdoin is led by the best first line in all of E.C.A.C. hockey, and is ranked second in the N.C.A.A. Div. III coaches poll. Coach Grady feels Bowdoin is similar to Salem State in its style of play, and believes that if Hamilton plays exactly as they did this past Saturday, they will be successful. In last year's game, Bowdoin jumped out to a 4-0 lead, and held on to win by a score of 8-5.

Saturday's opponent, Colby, is the most physical team in the league, and will try to use their size to move the Continentals off the puck. Grady stated that it is imperative for the team "not to let down on Saturday, regardless of Friday's result." Hamilton defeated the White Mules 5-4 last year, coming back from a three goal deficit in the third period to start an eight game win streak.

For his stellar performance over the weekend, Joe Mucha has been named the E.C.A.C. Rookie of the Week. The junior goaltender has recorded some remarkable statistics this season: 4-0, with a 2.20 goals against average, and a .926 save percentage. At press time, the decision as to who will start in goal this weekend had not yet been made.

Coach Grady added that a large, enthusiastic crowd would help the Continentals chances this weekend. "In the past, the Sage used to be at least a two goal advantage. That was the case this year against Wesleyan in our first game, and I'd love to see it happen again," explained Coach Grady. Don't miss the action this weekend, as Hamilton tries to get a head start toward their playoff run against Bowdoin and Colby.



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The women's hockey team did not play last week against Williams but have been practicing hard.

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